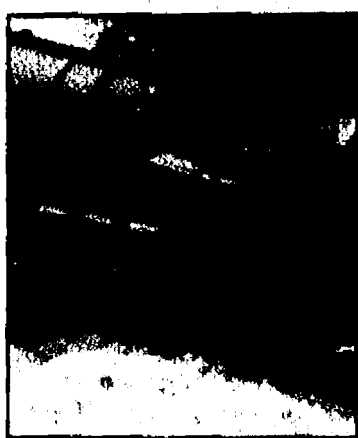


NEWS

Jackknifed semi closes down I-75



Traffic was diverted and then rerouted after a semi tractor-trailer jackknifed on southbound I-75 on icy roads on Friday. **12A**

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Extension sought to save recycling

With nearly a third of the money pledged to support labor for Grayling Township's recycling efforts, officials are asking for an extension granted by the township to give them time for more consideration. **2A**

SPORTS

Vikings start strong in 49-42 win at Elk Rapids



The Vikings jumped out to an 11-0 lead early and weathered a couple of Elk Rapids runs during a 49-42 varsity boys basketball league victory at Elk Rapids on Thursday, Jan. 15. **1B**

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GHS places 2nd, 4th in ski meet



Grayling High School's boys and girls ski teams finished second and fourth, respectively, during the Grayling Invitational - a meet hosted by the Vikings at Schuss Mountain - on Friday, Jan. 16. **1B**

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Pit bull protests planned as euthanasia appeal is pending

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling owners of two pit bulls staged mini-protests in the community and plan to do the same weekly until they hopefully get their dogs back.

Dawn and Ken Minard, the owners of pit bulls Shelby and Riley, placed signs in the windows of their van and drove around Grayling on Friday to raise awareness of the battle they are having with the Crawford County Animal Control Office.

Crawford County District Court

Judge Monte Burmeister was forced to issue a stay on the order to euthanize the pair of Staffordshire Terriers on June 7, 2009, after the Minards hired Grayling attorney Miranda Bailey to appeal the case in Crawford County Circuit Court. The dogs were scheduled to be put down on Jan. 8.

On Nov. 26, the Minards were summoned into Crawford County District Court. After hearing testimony from witnesses, Crawford County Animal Control Officer Gail Foguth and former Crawford County Assistant Prosecutor Dave Sabin, Burmeister determined the

dogs were dangerous animals. He ordered Foguth to seize the dogs and put them in the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter. The initial date to euthanize the animals was set for Dec. 18.

The Minards live in Grayling Township's Sherwood Forest Subdivision at 635 Little John Avenue.

The court case stems from an incident that took place around 8:30 p.m. on July 18, 2008. James Vernon Gardiner, who lives near the Sherwood Forest Subdivision, was riding his mountain bike south from Pollack Bridge Road. Gardiner left

the roadway at the intersection of Tomahawk Trail and Little John Avenue and turned to travel on a dirt trail which runs parallel to the railroad tracks. Gardiner said the two dogs aggressively approached him barking. He sprayed a water bottle at the dogs, put his bike in front of him as a shield and eventually fended them off with a stick before they were called home by their owner.

Gardiner, who is currently deployed with the Michigan National Guard in Iraq, testified at the Nov. 26 court hearing via telephone.

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Daisy Scouts make it official



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Daisy Scout Troop #3835 held an investiture ceremony at the Devereaux Memorial Library last Thursday before their family members. Above, Alison Brown, Alyssa Beckwith, Emily Franks, Jocelyn Brown, Julia Franks, Kayleigh Paulus and Samantha Crawford recite the Girl Scout promise during the ceremony. Not pictured are Heather Ochoa and Bennette Sanderson.

City's new police chief on board

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A veteran northern Michigan police officer was handed the reins of the Grayling City Police Department earlier this month.

Doug Baum was hired to serve as Grayling's new police chief on Jan. 5. He replaces Karl Schreiner who resigned in September after serving 31 years with the department.

Baum most recently served as the sheriff of the Montmorency Sheriff's Department for three and 1/2 years. Prior to that, Baum worked as a detective/sergeant and deputy for the Montmorency Sheriff's Department.

Baum has an overall 24 years working in the EMS, fire department and law enforcement fields, and has also been a small business owner.

Currently, Baum is focusing on hiring one full-time officer and two part-time officers to join the department. Officer Karl Devries retired in November after serving 24 years in the community. John Mueller, who was hired as a part-time officer to cover anticipated and vacation time, left the department in September.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer, who hired Baum for the position, said he

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Pennies for Pages pumps kids up for reading

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Librarians and teachers are often the first to tell kids that reading is fun. But, sometimes it doesn't hurt to have a little extra incentive. Especially when that incentive involves schooling your schoolmates.

That's just the extra kick GMS librarian Wendy Kucharek has given both students and teachers at Grayling Middle School (GMS) this week with the school's annual "Pennies for Pages" fund-raiser.

On the surface, the week-long competition looks fairly simple. Throughout the week, GMS students are encouraged to read as much as they can. Qualifying reading material might range from casual fiction to actual school assignments.

For every page students read, they are eligible to put a penny in a collection jar. The grade level that collects the most pennies will be permanently memorialized in the front covers of a collection of new library books. The books will be purchased with money from the competition.

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Seventh grader Justin Conforti deposits coins in his class jar. Students are using the honor system to keep track of how many pages they have read. The winning class will be listed in the front of a collection of books that will be purchased at the conclusion of the competition.

January temperatures well below average

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

It's cold outside. Really cold. Last week, the weather hovered in the sub-zero range for several days. After a short spike into the toasty twenties, Monday night might have been the coldest yet in many parts of the county, with city officials

recording a low of minus 17 degrees at the Industrial Park.

With cars that won't start and heat bills skyrocketing, National Weather Service meteorologist Scott Rozanski has some good news. Apparently, it's not as cold as it could be.

"Our record lows this year are pretty tough to beat. If we beat that,

it's cold," Rozanski said.

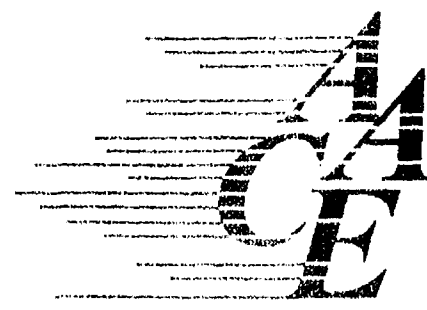
For example, the area record low for January 15, recorded just north of the county, was a bone chilling minus 31 degrees in 1984. Maybe it's time to bust out the shorts and T-shirts, because the temperature at that recording station only dropped to minus 14 on that same day this year.

For those who still think minus 14 degrees is pretty frosty, Rozanski agrees that this is still one of the coldest winters in years.

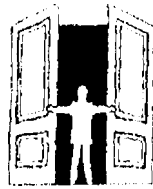
"Amazing how it can be this cold and not be setting some (record)," Rozanski said.

This might, however, be one of the most consistently cold Januarys

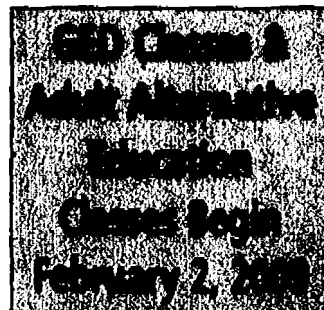
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Instructor: Ruth Pilon

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Class Starts: February 5, 2009
Length of Class: 8 weeks
Day of Class: Thursday
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Place: AuSable Primary - Gross Motor Skills Room
Cost: \$40.00
Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

Through the principles of breath awareness and deep muscle stretching, strengthening and relaxation, you'll discover tools for greater physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Bring a blanket and mat, wear loose clothing.

HATHA YOGA II
Class Starts: February 5, 2009
Length of Class: Continuing
Day of Class: Thursday
Time: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Place: AuSable Primary - Gross Motor Skills Room
Cost: \$40.00
Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

This is a continuation of Hatha Yoga I. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing. Priscilla Whiteford has taught yoga since 1974 at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor and presently teaches at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. Priscilla has trained with BKS Iyengar in India and the United States, and is certified by him.

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Instructor: Mike Wiles

This class is conducted in a fun, friendly yet disciplined environment. The Primary study at New World Karate centers on teaching transferable life skills such as: enhancing self esteem, increasing the student's ability to focus, developing patience, making positive life choices and instilling the values of respect, discipline and good citizenship. Another benefit of New World Karate involves physical development of gross and fine motor skills, coordination, agility, and self defense skills.

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Class Starts: February 4, 2009
Length of Class: 8 weeks
Day of Class: Wednesday
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Place: Grayling Middle School - Computer Lab
Cost: \$80.00 (includes book)
Instructor: Nancy Hatfield

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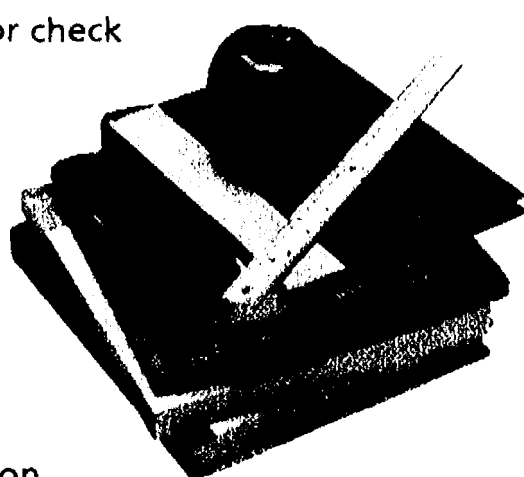
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April 16, 2009 @ 5:30 p.m.

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Extension sought to save recycling

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

With nearly a third of the money pledged to support labor for Grayling Township's recycling efforts, officials are asking for an extension granted by the township to give them time for more consideration.

In November, the Grayling Charter Township Board voted to discontinue the recycling program offered to other townships in the county effective Jan. 1, 2009. Township officials have said that they will no longer subsidize the cost of offering the program to Lovells, Beaver Creek, South Branch Township and the City of Grayling. The funds are used to pay staff at the Grayling Township Transfer Station and Recycling Center to unload the trailers and sort the recyclables.

At a meeting in December, the Grayling Charter Township Board extended the deadline to give the City of Grayling, Crawford County and township officials until Jan. 31 to find funds in their coffers.

Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo has asked the Crawford County Board of Commissioners to pledge \$2,000 toward the extra labor. A formula based on population in each township and the City of Grayling was developed by Compo for the other funding.

For the last several years, the county has supported wages for employees at the recycling center. For the last year, the board has also awarded a \$2,000 grant to establish a recycling program at the Grayling High School.

Maple Forest Township Supervisor Mark Kniss said the township board pledged \$500 to keep the recycling trailers rolling.

"It keeps the recycling option open for residents," Kniss said.

Frederic Township Supervisor William Johnson said officials asked to have recycling trailers removed from the township years ago, since people were putting trash in the trailers. The township board, however, pledged \$500 in funds needed for labor at the recycling center.

"We have a lot of Frederic people that do haul a lot of stuff down there to the recycling center,"

Johnson said.

Lovells Township Supervisor Fred Schaibly said he is still waiting for financial information to present to his board. Schaibly added the board would likely pledge funds for recycling rather than pay more funds to operate its trash compactor.

"If we have all that stuff just going out to the compactor, we will just be paying for it on the other end," Schaibly said.

South Branch Township Supervisor Tom Kozlowski said the township has a lot of questions and concerns before handing over funds to the county and Grayling Charter Township for recycling.

"That's pretty much where we're at right now," Kozlowski said.

Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Brian Ashton said the township recently had some unforeseen expenses that had to be paid out of the township's annual budget. Ashton hopes that city, county and township officials can come back to the table to support recycling.

"Everybody wants to save this program and I think we need an extension," Ashton said. "Hopefully, they can give us more time to look at other avenues and to weigh some other possibilities."

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said city officials would like to come to the planning table to discuss other options to support recycling. Currently, three recycling trailers, located behind the Crawford County Avalanche, Bear's Den Pizzeria and McLean's Ace Hardware, are available to collect cardboard from Grayling businesses.

"The council said we want to support the county recycling program, but the issue is how we get the bins out of the city out to the recycling center and there's got to be another way to do that," Thayer said.

Grayling Charter Township Supervisor Terry Wright said he was encouraged by the feedback he has received from area officials, but said the township can't afford to subsidize labor at the recycling center for other municipalities in the current economic climate.

"I know other townships realize the value of recycling and they are hopefully forthcoming with funding that will continue recycling," Wright said.

January temperatures well below average

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since the three-in-a-row cold winters of 1982 through 1984, when a handful of the all time area records for coldest individual days in January were set.

"Our day time highs (last week) were only single dig-

its, so you never warmed up," Rozanski said. "Normal high temperatures during that stretch are generally 25 degrees."

The coldest January temperature ever recorded at the nearby Gaylord outpost was minus 32 degrees on Jan. 10, 1982. The nighttime temperature in Grayling would have been within a few degrees.

"It is really, really cold, no doubt about it, but it just didn't get there," Rozanski said.

For those who really want to see this winter break some records, there is good news on the horizon. For everyone else, the worst might still be on its way.

"Our coldest records are in February," said Rozanski.

Thanks to the consistent presence of snow packs on the ground, radiation cooling effects and a lack of cloud coverage due to frozen lakes, February is generally when winters get really frigid in this part of the state.

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Pit bull protests planned as euthanasia appeal is pending

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Shelby and Riley got loose when they dug through the ground under the kennel where they were being kept. The Minards have since built a kennel with a concrete floor in compliance with the Crawford County Animal Control Ordinance and have enrolled in dog training classes.

The Minards say they have nothing against Gardiner for filing a complaint.

"He had a right to complain," Dawn Minard said. "I would have done the same thing."

The Minards plan on holding regular protests until Shelby and Riley are returned to their care.

"I'll protest every week until I get them back," Dawn said.

"They should be back home where they belong," Ken Minard added.

Meanwhile, the Minards are drawing up petitions and are having bumper stickers made to make the Grayling community aware of their case. They are also encouraging residents to support the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter for its care of all the dogs and cats at the shelter.

"We want to give them a helping hand because they are helping us by taking care of our animals," Dawn said. "That is a big job taking care of all those dogs."

Grayling High School graduate Chris Wright, the author of the "American Chillers" and "Michigan Chillers" books, has put information about the Minard's case on his Thor's Warriors web site. The web site was designed to promote the abuse and neglect case of a yellow lab name "Thor."

The information pertaining to Burmeister's order calling for the euthanasia of Shelby and Riley is called "Fighting Animal Cruelty and Injustice in Northern Michigan." Burmeister presided over the Thor case, in which a jury found Lawrence Edward Baumgart of Roscommon guilty of animal/cruelty-abandonment.

Wright said he took an interest in the Minard's case since his wife, Boots, volunteers at the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter and he designs the web site for the shelter. Wright had seen the dogs at the shelter.

The site includes a link to a recent article publicized by *Sports Illustrated* regard-

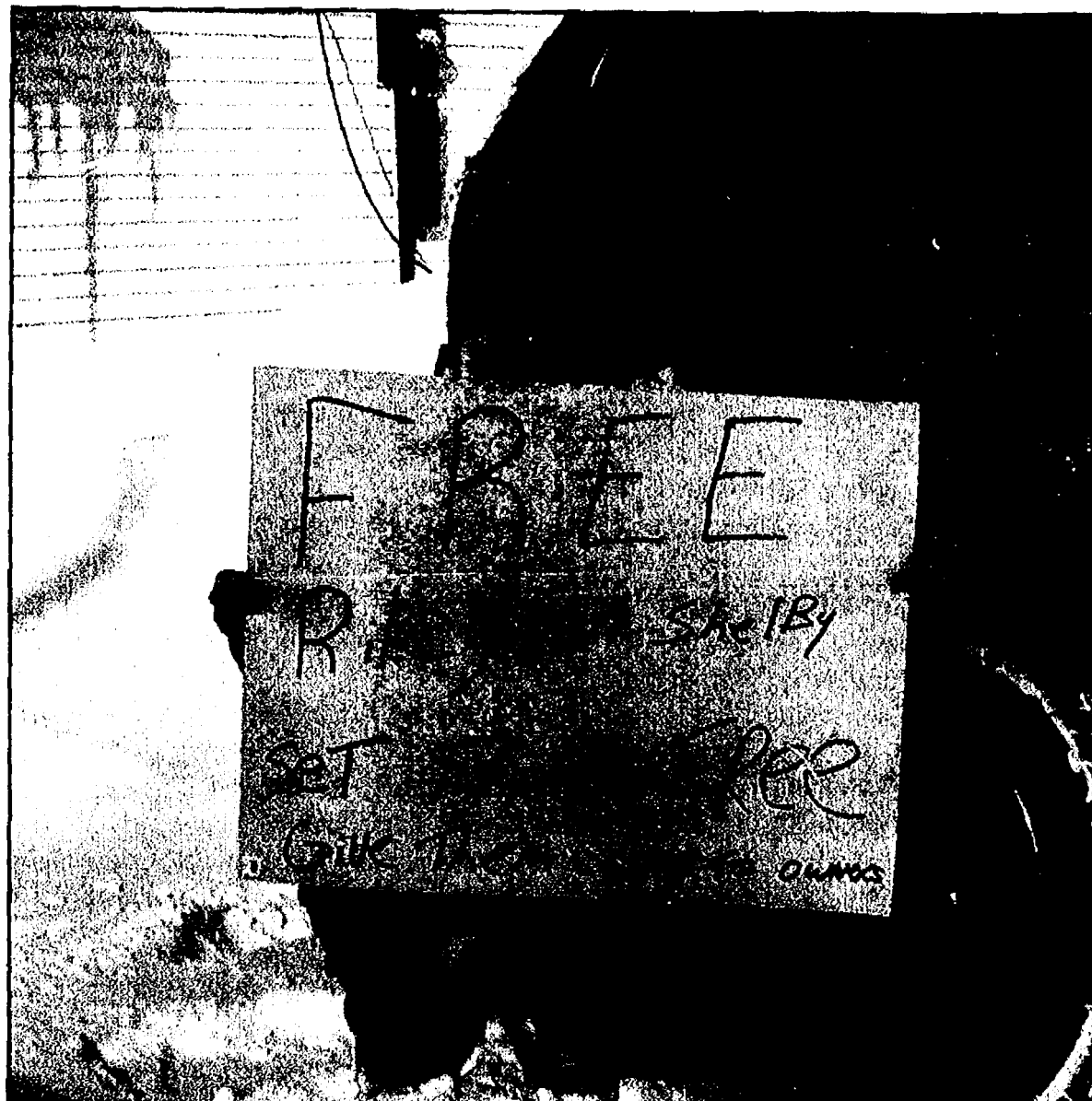


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Dawn and Ken Minard, the owners of pit bulls Shelby and Riley, placed signs in the windows of their van and drove around Grayling on Friday to raise awareness of the battle they are having with the Crawford County Animal Control Office. Above, Dawn Minard holds a sign pleading for the return of their dogs.

ing pit bulls that had been rehabilitated from a dog fighting ring run by former Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick. A total of 47 of the 51 dogs in the fighting ring have been saved, are in the process of being rehabilitated or have been placed in family homes. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and the Humane Society of the U.S. protested spending the time and money to try and save the dogs. Vick is currently serving a federal prison sentence.

Wright lives in Cheboygan County's Topinabee. The Brown Trout Restaurant in Indian River and other businesses are collecting donations to help the Minards pay their legal fees.

The Minards are still puzzled, since they were ticketed for having loose dogs in July and then brought into court in November.

"We paid our fines, then four month later, all hell breaks loose," Dawn said.

Pat and Bill Middleton are supporters of the Minards. The Middletons said they saw the dogs for the first time at a graduation the Minards hosted, and noted the dogs played with children and did not growl or bark at the guests.

"They're like any other dogs," Pam Middleton said.

Middleton added that any dog could be nasty if it's trained to be aggressive. She said that if the dogs were mean they would have likely attacked Gardiner when he was spraying water and swinging the stick at them.

"If they would have been mean dogs, they would have torn him limb from limb," Middleton said.

Grayling Township resident Patricia Orcutt said she had read through the Crawford County Animal Control Ordinance and Michigan Dangerous Animal's Act and found no reference to euthanasia being ordered for a first offense of owning a dangerous or vicious animal.

"I think it's utterly ridiculous for something like this to occur in a small town like Grayling," Orcutt said.

Orcutt said the case has a far more reaching impact than just the Minard's ordeal with animal control authorities.

"I think this is something the whole state of Michigan has to address," Orcutt said.

The Minards are actually being charged under the Dog Law of 1919, which allows a district court judge or magistrate to issue a summons to have dog owners say why a dog should not be killed upon a sworn complaint. The Minards are being charged under a pro-

vision of the act that says their dogs have shown vicious habits or have molested a person when lawfully on a public highway.

The Minard's case has drawn dozens of blogs on the 9 & 10 News web site and the *Crawford County Avalanche* web site, some claiming the Minards have had previous dealings with the county animal control office.

Dawn Minard acknowledged that they do call the animal control officer frequently regarding loose dogs in the neighborhood. She added they also place food and water on their porch for dogs who are lost and in poor condition.

"There are numerous dogs just running the streets out there," Dawn said.

The fate of Shelby and Riley may not be known for some time. Bailey has requested a full transcript from the Nov. 26 hearing for the appeal. In addition, Everette "Trey" Ayers, who was the defense attorney for the Minards, took over as the Chief Prosecuting Attorney for Crawford County on Jan. 1. An assistant attorney general from the Michigan Attorney General's office will likely be assigned to the case due to conflict of interest.

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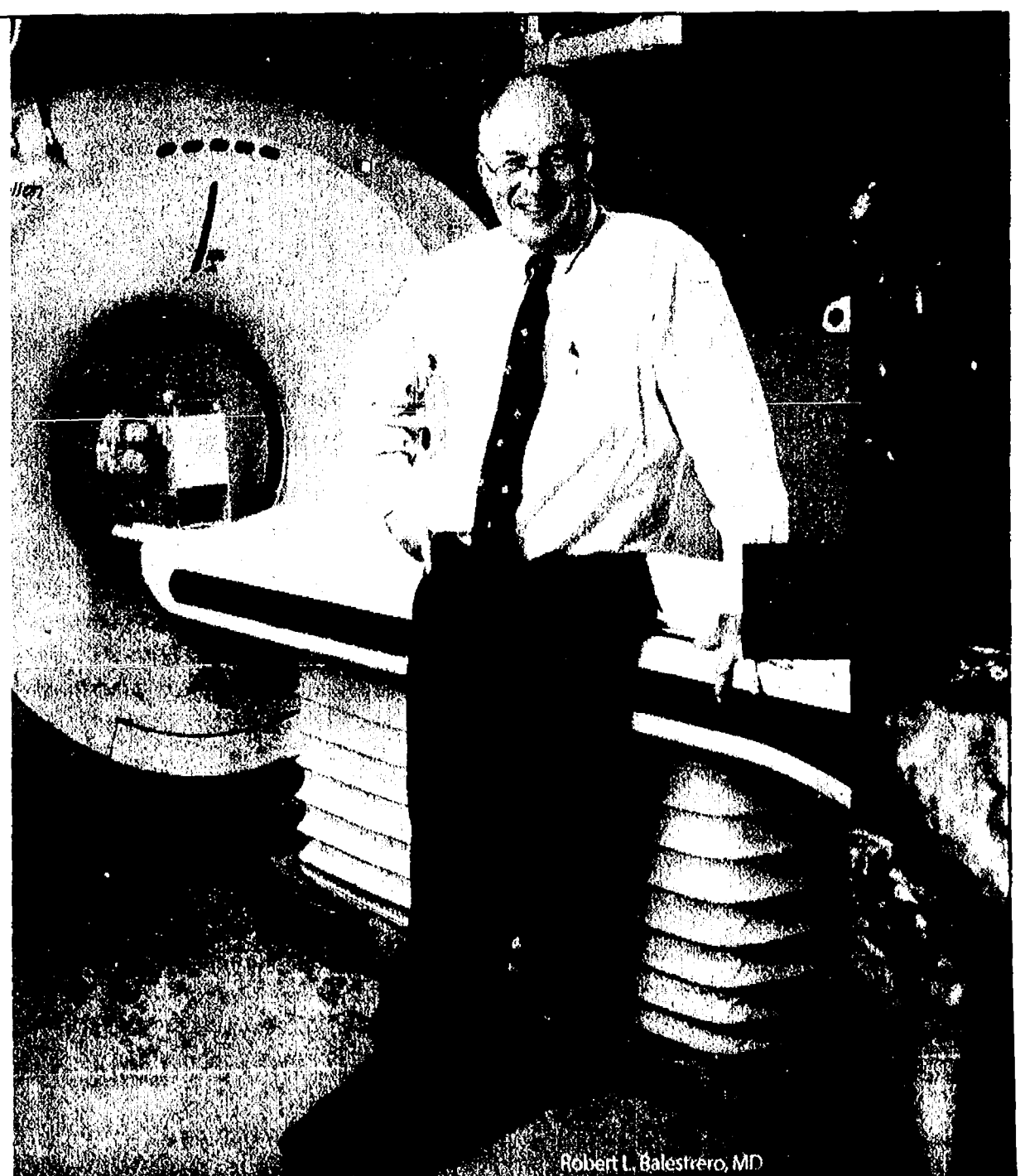
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Almanack

by Richard Milliman

New President Obama faces huge challenges

IT IS ONLY FITTING that Barack Obama has become president of the United States during the week that began with our national observance honoring Martin Luther King.

Such a comment is neither original nor enlightening, but it is appropriate.

The United States has a black president, only 40 years after Rev. King delivered his famous "I have a dream" speech that expressed hopes for genuine equality for all Americans, black and white, but did not dare venture into the suggestion of a black president.

For his feat of improving on Rev. King's dream, President Barack Obama will be forever enshrined in American history.

By itself, the Obama election is not nearly enough.

He won the presidential election not because he is a black man, but despite his race, and that makes the event truly meaningful.

Martin Luther King did not march alone. If that were the case, he would have been a very lonely man indeed. His actions and his words inspired thousands of

supporters, however, who forced the issue of racial harmony and burned it into America's conscience.

Election of Barack Obama has made the dream reality.

Neither did Mr. Obama march alone in his quest for the White House, but like Dr. King, his actions and his words won him millions of followers who by their work, support and their votes delivered the prize he pursued.

PRESIDENT OBAMA has been likened to several past presidents.

He is not Franklin D. Roosevelt. President Roosevelt was handed the Great Depression when he took office in 1933; that was his huge burden and challenge.

President Obama also faces a national economy in crisis, industries and banks going broke, unemployment soaring. But President Obama also must handle two active wars at the same time, while President Roosevelt had several years before war topped his worry chart, providing an even

greater challenge than the Great Depression.

Nor is President Obama another President John Kennedy. Both are young and articulate, representing new generations stepping into power, and buoyed by wide support among young Americans.

President Kennedy faced the growing war in Vietnam and the continuing international Cold War with Russia, but in the 1960s America's economy was comparatively stable. It's not now.

Both Presidents Roosevelt and Obama won decisive election victories, while President Kennedy only eked out a slim margin, decided only when the Chicago vote came in under what at the time were questionable circumstances.

All three presidents are alike in one respect. All were great communicators. All offered hope to the people. All promised to make things better. They all could uplift people with their rhetoric. That's why they all became president.

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PRESIDENT OBAMA'S

biggest problem in the next few years may be that people in America – and in the world – expect too much from him.

Pre-inauguration polling showed that 79 percent Americans are in his corner and optimistic about the next four years under his presidency. Most of them expect the economy to be much better, new jobs to be created, and middle class taxes to be cut.

Can he deliver on all that? He has also promised that education and health care are top priorities, that he will have our troops out of Iraq in a short time, and that our military efforts in Afghanistan will improve.

Is all that possible?

As president, he must work with congress. Some goals may be possible through executive orders, but most depend on enactment by the house and the senate, both controlled by Democrats.

However, congressional Democrats are accustomed to their role of blocking the White House coming from the George Bush administration.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Sen. Harry Reid, the Democratic leader in the senate, as well as congressional committee chairs, must play new roles supporting the White House and its programs, rather than picking them apart.

Speaker Pelosi especially has been adept in the role of critic, but can she become effective in a support role and as an agent of change?

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MR. OBAMA'S own experience in government is not deep. Born in 1961, he was graduated from high school in Hawaii, attended Occidental college in California, was graduated from Columbia University in 1983. After five years out in the real world, it was back to Harvard law school until graduation in 1991.

Five years later he was elected to the Illinois state senate, then lost a race for a congressional nomination in 2004, and won his US senate seat in 2004. A little over two years later, he announced his candidacy for president.

That's not much of a background in elective

office. But maybe that's what the country needs now.

Candidate Obama promises change. Let us hope so. He promises to diminish partisanship and urges the parties to work together for the good of the country. Let us hope so. Barack Obama delivers a message of hope, and preaches dreams of a brighter future. He asks for all of us to do our part to make the country great. Let us hope even more.

He has personal magnitude and charisma. He is serious yet engaging. He is calm and unexcitable. He has a charming and picture-perfect family. He is interested in and knowledgeable about international relations. And he gives a great speech.

He could turn out to be a great president. That's what almost 80 percent of us believe right now, and that's enough to get our new president off to a good start.

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Letters to the Editor

Dog lovers should take a stand

To the editor:

I have read the story about the two pit bulls that are going to be destroyed. I just thought this was so sad.

It seems like the owners have done everything they can to keep their dogs from escaping again. They have had them evaluated and the professionals that have dealt with pit bulls for years see no aggressiveness in them.

I could see maybe if the

dogs had bitten this man. Yet, there was not even a nip at him.

I really think all of us dog lovers need to take a stand. The courts should not be able to euthanize a dog just because of their breed.

I feel the courts should pay them back for all the lawyer fees they have had to pay. It is just ridiculous.

Tammi Maczorowski
Grayling

Magical Funnyman a success

To the editor:

The GPA Entertainment Series had another success for families who were able to be at the performance at the Grayling High School Auditorium. Chris Linn, America's Magical Funnyman, put on a great show, part magic and part comedy. The audience, adults and children loved his performance.

Earlier in the afternoon, Chris performed for the res-

idents and employees at the Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation Community Center.

The next scheduled GPA Entertainment Series event will be the Sopranos Three. This is one of our dinner series being held at the Ramada Inn. Come and enjoy a great dinner and a full evening of great entertainment.

Rose Mary Nelson
Grayling

I hope he had a Merry Christmas taking money from a child

To the editor:

To the gentleman that was shopping at Kmart on Saturday, Dec. 20. I was shopping with my granddaughter. She had \$10 to buy something for her dad. As we were checking out, she dropped the \$10. A man picked it up. My

granddaughter asked him if he found some money. He said "maybe." He wouldn't give it back to her. We looked for the man but couldn't find him. I hope he had a Merry Christmas taking money from a child.

Ann Hamlin
Grayling

Who pays to throw away money?

To the editor:

So, last summer they did road work on M-72 east of town. The week before they striped it, then the next week they put down tar and stone and then striped it again. Then they went west of town and did the same,

but this time they sealed it. Now, back to M-72 East. It is falling apart and what a waste of money and time. So, who gets to pay for this throwing money away?

Roy P. Gebauer
Grayling

Viewpoint

By Donald Babcock, Crawford County Road Commission Managing Director

Long winter for the Road Commission

Winter definitely has hit us this year. Heavy snowfalls and freezing rain have tested the Crawford County Road Commission's budget.

As the winter is demanding to the Road Commission, it is also tiresome for the residents of the county. The Road Commission has come under a lot of criticism this year as to our maintenance activities or lack thereof.

I would like to explain why the Road Commission has had to resort to doing things differently in the past couple of years.

The Road Commission, as it has in the past three years, has limited the amount of overtime its personnel works in order to conserve our funding. We entered this winter season with one of the lowest fund balances in years. Revenues from the Michigan Transportation Fund have continued to decline and those funds are the Road Commission's only source for maintenance. This is the fund that your state gas taxes and license fees go to and is distributed to MDOT, county road commissions, cities and villages throughout the state.

In order to cope with the declining revenues, improvement projects were set aside and maintenance operations had to be scaled back. Winter maintenance is a major expense to the Road Commission and we can easily burn up our funds early, and if that happened there would be no snow removal at all later in the winter. So we constantly monitor our funds and are careful not to over expend too early.

Another way we have saved funds over the past years is that the Road Commission has not replaced retirees in five or more years. We did hire two this year – one driver and one equipment operator. Even with the two new hires, the Road Commission is still down six to eight employees, resulting in a slower response time and less coverage. A driver can cover 20-30 miles of roadway in a day, so the loss of these drivers has really added up.

The Road Commission has also not been able to replace some of our aging plow trucks. Some of the trucks you see going past your homes are close to 18 years old and most range from seven to 15 years old. This is a true compliment to our drivers and mechanics.

We have been critiqued for not clearing roads fast enough, hitting school bus routes first or this road before that. Our drivers have assigned routes. Their priorities are state highways, then county primary roads and then county local roads. When the drivers

have cleared the center of the roads they also have to clear the shoulders. During the shoulder clearing on the primary routes, the drivers then pick up the local roads. They do this as they come to them and always on the right side of the roadway. We cannot afford the time to skip around the county to plow this road or that road. It is far more efficient to take them as they come and continue on their way on the assigned route.

Our foremen do their best to assign personnel to those areas when they can. When snow continues and the crew has to get back onto the state and primary roads, the local roads take a back seat. The main roads have to be taken care of first. They are higher speed roadways and carry much higher volumes of traffic.

Because of fuel prices being lower than expected, we have been able to work some overtime the past few weeks. But, we have to be careful working overtime around holidays, due to double time and a half, which is very costly. If we work overtime with a full crew it costs the Road Commission approximately \$12,000 for an eight-hour day.

I hope that fuel prices continue to stay at their current level. Last year, we averaged approximately \$90,000/ month for fuel. We are closer to \$30,000 this year.

We get a lot of phone calls wondering why we are not working more because of the road millage being voted in. The road millage funds are to be used for improvement projects and will not be used for winter maintenance. Even if the millage was for maintenance, the Road Commission will not receive any of the millage funds until the spring of 2010. The millage revenues will be collected this coming year and will then be available for improvement projects for 2010.

We hear a lot of times from local government officials or constituents asking what they can do to help. The only thing we can suggest is to call your state senator or representative. Urge them to support the current legislation that is being considered.

All transportation organizations were very excited prior to Christmas this year when the House of Representatives passed some transportation funding bills. Then it was the Senate's turn to consider these bills. They sat in the Senate's lap until Congress recessed for the year and nothing has been done since.

I hope this sheds some light on why we are operating the way we are. Believe it or not, we do have the best interest of the county on our minds.

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche.

Briefs

Guided snowshoe hikes to begin

Guided snowshoe hikes at Hartwick Pines State Park will begin at the Visitor Center on Saturday, Jan. 24, at 1 p.m. It is approximately a one-mile hike to the Logging Museum, where there will be a campfire and hot cider. Learn about logging in the winter. This is a free program, but reservations are required, as there is a 20 person limit. For more information, call the Visitor Center at 989-348-2537 or e-mail kasmerc@michigan.gov.

COA to offer free tax assistance

The COA, along with Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) and AARP are sponsoring free personal income tax assistance for low and moderate income taxpayers, mostly those 60 and older. Volunteers are needed to assist. Appointments will be at the Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale St., Grayling. Appointments are required. Call the center at 348-7123.

Register for Booster Blizzard Fest

The Grayling Youth Booster Club will hold their 2nd annual Blizzard Fest on Saturday, Feb. 28, beginning at 11 a.m. The cost is \$40 per two person team for ice golfing. There will be a Euchre Tournament at 2 p.m., cost is \$20 per person. Contact Karen Ayers, at 348-3196, for information or for registration. Pre-registration is a must.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

AVAS partners with GHFA for rabies shot clinic

The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter will host a Rabies Shot Clinic on Saturday, Jan. 31, at the shelter. No appointment is necessary as this will be a "first-come, first-served walk-in clinic" from noon until 4 p.m.

All dogs and cats must be on a leash or in a carrier and under the control of an adult. The animals must appear to be in good health. If the animal has received a previous rabies shot, the owner must bring a paper copy of the shot record in order for their pet to receive the three-year vaccination, otherwise a one-year vaccination will be given. Cost for a rabies vaccination is \$15.

Crawford County 2009 Dog Licenses will also be available. Prices are \$8 for altered dogs and \$15 for

unaltered dogs. On March 1, 2009, all dog license fees increase to \$25 each.

Payment is by cash or check only. A valid driver's license or other government issued photo ID must be presented when writing a check.

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is located at 5786 Fairground Lane at the old Crawford County Fairgrounds, just south of the Hartwick Pines Road (M-93) and Old 27 intersection. Use the fairgrounds entrance and turn left after the big sign.

This community service event is generously sponsored by the Grayling Hospital for Animals. All proceeds will go to the shelter, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Any questions about this clinic, call (989) 348-4117.

KCC seeks nominations for "Outstanding Alumnus of the Year"

The Kirtland Community College Alumni Committee is seeking nominations for the "2009 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year."

The alumnus selected will be recognized and speak briefly at the college's upcoming commencement ceremony on Friday, May 1. The name of the person honored will also be added to a plaque that hangs in the Administration Center on the college's main campus near Roscommon.

Selection criteria include additional education beyond the Kirtland experience, professional accomplishments, involvement in community activities, leadership and post-degree involvement with Kirtland or in the field of education. The nominee must have graduated from Kirtland in 1999 or before, with a certificate of completion or associate's degree.

Nominations should consist of the name of the nominee and information addressing the selection criteria to support the nomination. Candidates may nominate themselves or someone else. Former nominees who have not been selected previously are welcome to have their names resubmitted for consideration.

Deadline for written nominations is Thursday, March 26, and should be addressed to Stacey Barnes, dean of student services, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. Or, e-mail nominations to JoAnnGave@kirtland.edu, student services assistant, at gavej@kirtland.edu.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Jan. 18 of \$25 each; Art Annis, Trudy Hawkins and Dick Kammer.

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for Jan. 16 was Dee Mleek.

New Friday business series introduced

The Gaylord and Grayling Michigan Works! offices are proud to partner with the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership (CCEDP) and the Gaylord/Otsego Chamber of Commerce to bring a new series of two hour workshops to Crawford and Otsego Counties. Each session is designed to allow time for Q&A.

Each workshop will take place from 10 a.m. to noon on a Friday and will be held at either the Gaylord or Grayling Michigan Works! office. The cost for each session is \$5 for members of either the Gaylord/Otsego Chamber of Commerce or the Grayling Regional Chamber. Cost for non-Chamber members is \$10 per session.

The series will begin with a four week class on Feb. 6, on a topic of interest to business owners and those who may wish to start a business. This workshop, titled "How to Write Your Business Plan," will continue on Feb. 13, Feb. 20 and Feb. 27. This four week workshop will cost only \$5 for Chamber members or \$10 for non-Chamber members. All sessions on this topic will be held at the Grayling location. CCEDP Director Gaila Gilliland will be the instructor for the business plan classes.

The remaining workshops in The Friday Business Series will each be one two hour class.

"Time Management" will be presented on March 6 by an M-Tech instructor and will take place in the Gaylord office location. Business Liaisons Kathy Bradley and Kay Cosgray will present "Using Your One-Stop to Its Fullest" on April 3 at the Grayling facility.

On May 1, a panel will address the timely topic "Managing Your Business During Stressful Economic Times," and this session will be held at the Gaylord site. Dave Baragrey, Weekly Choice Newspaper, confirmed he will be a panelist for this

session.

An instructor from the State of Michigan will address "Unemployment Insurance" at the Grayling office on June 5. The presentation on Aug. 7 will teach people how they can contract with the government. "Government Contracting" will be held at the Gaylord office.

Panelists Randy Seymour from Chemical Bank and Peter Cambier with Northern Initiatives will be joined on Sept. 11 by a representative from the Michigan Certified Development Corporation to address two timely topics for business owners or entrepreneurs: "Understanding Small Business Financials and Finding Capital for Your Business." This session will be held in Grayling.

"Worker's Compensation and Work Opportunity Tax Credit" will be presented on October 2 in Gaylord. Laura Dinon will address the Worker's Compensation portion.

Business owners and entrepreneurs may be wondering how to take their businesses online. The session, "Creating Business Opportunities Online - E-Commerce," will take place in Grayling on Nov. 2. The instructor will be announced at a later date.

Dave Baragrey, Weekly Choice Newspaper, and Joe MacQuarrie, owner of AdVantage Media Services, will tell business owners how to get creative in their marketing efforts. The session titled "Creative Marketing" will take place on Dec. 4 in Gaylord.

Rounding out a full year, the final workshop in The Friday Business Series will take place on January 8 in Grayling. "Writing Your Marketing Plan" is the workshop and the instructor will be announced at a later date.

For more information, contact Kathy Bradley at 732-3886, Kay Cosgray at 348-8709, the Gaylord/Otsego Chamber of Commerce at 732-6333, or Gaila Gilliland at 348-9030 or by e-mail at gailag@i2k.com.

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The Bible Speaks

God's Work of Love

I In Romans 8:31 the question was asked, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Since God is omniscient or all wise, and omnipresent or everywhere present, and omnipotent or all powerful, and immutable or unchangeable, no one can alter God's purpose and plan for our salvation. We can always trust God's person for all eternity.

In Romans 8:32 the second question was asked, "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" We can no more question God's work of love for us than we can question God's person. Since God has already made the supreme sacrifice of His own Son for our salvation, why would He not complete His purpose and plan for our eternal salvation? God's great work of love in the past assures us of His future love in all things?

First, God spared not His own Son for our salvation. God spared not His eternal begotten Son to be sacrificed for our sins that we might become adopted children of God. He spared not His Son the insults, slander, ridicule, rejection, injustice, inhumanity,

scourging, and crucifixion in this world. Even on the cross in Matthew 27:46 we read, "46And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" God spared not the agony of His own Son as He died in our place on the cross for our sins.

Second, God delivered him up for us all. God deliberately delivered up His own Son for our salvation. "25Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification." (Rom. 4:25). "23Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain." (Acts 2:23). "26The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. 27For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, 28For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done." (Acts 4:26-28). Isaiah 53:4 prophesied he would be, "stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted." "6All we like sheep have

gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:6). As Jesus said after his resurrection in Luke 24:46: "...Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day."

Third, God supports with His Son all things in our salvation - how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? That includes all things that will work together for our good in Romans 8:28. Jesus is "the author and finisher of our faith." (Heb. 12:2). He is our high priest seated on the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb. 8:1). He is our advocate with the Father. (1 John 2:1). He is our intercessor at the right hand of God. (Rom. 8:34). He is our only mediator in 1 Timothy 2:5: "5For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." God declared us seated in Heaven in Ephesians 2:6: "6And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Pastor "B"

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Honors

Kirtland Community College

Kirtland Community College recently recognized students for their academic achievements during the 2008 fall semester that earned them placement on the dean's and the president's lists.

To qualify for the president's list, candidates must be full-time students who earn a grade-point average between 3.8 and 4.0. Dean's list candidates must have a grade-point average of 3.4 to 3.799.

The Grayling students on the Dean's List are: Sheryl Bidwell, Andrea Binert,

Steven Bowen, Annette Brody, Maeghan Corwin, Crystal Finch, Eric Isaacs, Daryl Jones, Kara Longendyke, Jamie Lucksted, Angila Myers, LeAnn Millar, Jessie Morley, Rachel Sells and Joni Welch. The Frederic students are: Barbara Council, William Konieczka and Scott Myers. The Roscommon students are: Jason Baerlocher, Chelsea Genesy, Leonard Keesler, Samantha McLain, Rachel Schaeffer, Chase Schepke, Daniel Seelhoff, Nicole St. Denis and William Sylvester. The Mio students are: Isaiah Kauffman,

Ashley McCaskey, Jacob Taylor and Davis Zeps.

Those students making the President's List: from Frederic, Marsha Brown; from Grayling, Jacob Emmons, Marie Kripli, Heather Reese, Storm Shriver and Joshua Stampfly; from Mio, Jill Bischoff, Aimee Harris and Megan Maier; and from Roscommon, Patrick Eisenhardt, Jolyn Engel, Alyssa Faulkner, Thomas Felton, Karen Flynn, Penny Forst, Elizabeth Godin, Heather Herzberg, Stacey McKindles, Matthew Pacini, Lauren Roney and Samantha Smith.

Business News

Myers Land Survey Company's name has been changed to ROWE Professional Services Company effective immediately.

ROWE purchased Myers in 2005 and retained the name of the original company until today. The name has been changed to more accurately reflect the firm's affiliation with the ROWE family of companies, to support the firm's long-term growth strategies and its comprehensive professional service portfolio.

Marvin Myers, PS, founded Myers Land Survey Company in 1986. He serves as a survey project manager at ROWE, providing professional services to northern Michigan clients from the Grayling office.

President and Chief Executive Officer John D. Matonich, PS, said the new name better reflects ROWE's long-standing business strategy to grow through geographical and service expansions.

"There will be no difference in the way we conduct

business," Matonich said. "In fact, we've stepped up our efforts to better serve our clients. For example, several members of our staff recently obtained accreditations to design environmentally friendly "green" projects as LEED-accredited professionals."

ROWE is a professional engineering, surveying, aerial photography/mapping, planning, landscape architecture and land development service company with offices in Michigan and South Carolina.

Church Directory

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
(989) 732-7001
Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm
Sunday School 10:30 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo
400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974
www.mumc.org - Barrier Free
Traditional Service 9 am
Coffee Hour 10 am
Sunday School (preschool - 3rd grade) 11 am
Adult Sunday School 10 am
Praise & Worship Service 11 am
(Childcare Available)

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor: David Jorgensen
(989) 348-1909
Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
(Bible based and non-denominational)
Pastor: Larry Hankins
8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells
(989) 348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult) 10 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Web Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm

Grayling Free Methodist
Pastor: Rick Secord
6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093
Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Service 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult & Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor: Ernie Wagner - (989) 348-1411
heritagebaptist-grayling.org
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
(1/4 mile west of I-75)
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Pastor: John Wojdan
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Parsonage (989) 348-7466
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
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510 South St.
Roscommon
First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor: Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 am
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Evening Worship 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm

Unity Church of Today North
Minister: Terry Dickinson
Virtual Church - an E-mail Bible Study available at tlmd@freeway.net

Luzerne Baptist
Pastor: James Durfee
2247 Durfee Lane
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor: Patricia Petric - (989) 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sun. Service, Children's Church & Youth Service 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm
Friday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
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Community of Christ
Pastor: Ann Doty
North Down River Rd. at
1030 Glenn Rd. - (989) 348-9751
Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Pastor: Robert W. Nalley, J.V.
Parish Office - 707 Spruce
(989) 348-7657
Saturday Evening Masses 4:30 pm
Sunday Masses 10 am

St. Francis Episcopal
Reverend: Elizabeth Chace
M-72 West - Office (989) 348-5850
Morning Prayer Tue-Fri 8:30 am
Eucharist (Wed) 8:30 am
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Center
Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann
Mail: 2640 M-72 West Grayling, MI 49738
reslifeccenter.com
Phone: (989) 348-1000
Sunday Service 10:30 am
Midweek Services (Wed) 7 pm
E-mail: reslifecellowship@hotmail.com

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)
905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop
(at junction of M-93 & Old 27)
(989) 348-5921
Saturday Evening Worship Service 7 pm
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:15 am

Calvary Baptist Church
Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett
M-72 West, Grayling - (989) 348-9220
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) 7 pm

Church of Christ
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. - (989) 275-8613
In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday Mornings on TV 29 & 8 7:30 am
Sunday Classes 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
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Midweek Bible Study (Wed) 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor: Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St. - (989) 348-5325
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor: John Scott
705 Madsen St., Grayling - (989) 348-2557
Sunday School 9:45 am
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Wednesday Service 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
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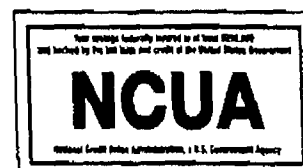
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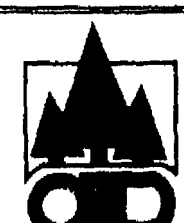
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God's Work of Love

I In Romans 8:31 the question was asked, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Since God is omniscient or all wise, and omnipresent or everywhere present, and omnipotent or all powerful, and immutable or unchangeable, no one can alter God's purpose and plan for our salvation. We can always trust God's person for all eternity.

In Romans 8:32 the second question was asked, "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" We can no more question God's work of love for us than we can question God's person. Since God has already made the supreme sacrifice of His own Son for our salvation, why would He not complete His purpose and plan for our eternal salvation? God's great work of love in the past assures us of His future love in all things?

First, God spared not His own Son for our salvation. God spared not His eternal begotten Son to be sacrificed for our sins that we might become adopted children of God. He spared not His Son the insults, slander, ridicule, rejection, injustice, inhumanity,

scourging, and crucifixion in this world. Even on the cross in Matthew 27:46 we read, "46And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" God spared not the agony of His own Son as He died in our place on the cross for our sins.

Second, God delivered him up for us all. God deliberately delivered up His own Son for our salvation. "25Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification." (Rom. 4:25). "23Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain." (Acts 2:23). "26The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. 27For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, 28For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done." (Acts 4:26-28). Isaiah 53:4 prophesied he would be, "stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted." "6All we like sheep have

gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:6). As Jesus said after his resurrection in Luke 24:46: "...Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day."

Third, God supports with His Son all things in our salvation - how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? That includes all things that will work together for our good in Romans 8:28. Jesus is "the author and finisher of our faith." (Heb. 12:2). He is our high priest seated on the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb. 8:1). He is our advocate with the Father. (1 John 2:1). He is our intercessor at the right hand of God. (Rom. 8:34). He is our only mediator in 1 Timothy 2:5: "5For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." God declared us seated in Heaven in Ephesians 2:6: "6And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Pastor "B"

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Kirtland Community College recently recognized students for their academic achievements during the 2008 fall semester that earned them placement on the dean's and the president's lists.

To qualify for the president's list, candidates must be full-time students who earn a grade-point average between 3.8 and 4.0. Dean's list candidates must have a grade-point average of 3.4 to 3.799.

The Grayling students on the Dean's List are: Sheryl Bidwell, Andrea Binert,

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Ashley McCaskey, Jacob Taylor and Davis Zeps.

Those students making the President's List: from Frederic, Marsha Brown; from Grayling, Jacob Emmons, Marie Kripli, Heather Reese, Storm Shriver and Joshua Stampfly; from Mio, Jill Bischoff, Aimee Harris and Megan Maier; and from Roscommon, Patrick Eisenhardt, Jolyn Engel, Alyssa Faulkner, Thomas Felton, Karen Flynn, Penny Forst, Elizabeth Godin, Heather Herzberg, Stacey McKindles, Matthew Pacini, Lauren Roney and Samantha Smith.

Business News

Myers Land Survey Company's name has been changed to ROWE Professional Services Company effective immediately.

ROWE purchased Myers in 2005 and retained the name of the original company until today. The name has been changed to more accurately reflect the firm's affiliation with the ROWE family of companies, to support the firm's long-term growth strategies and its comprehensive professional service portfolio.

Marvin Myers, PS, founded Myers Land Survey Company in 1986. He serves as a survey project manager at ROWE, providing professional services to northern Michigan clients from the Grayling office.

President and Chief Executive Officer John D. Matonich, PS, said the new name better reflects ROWE's long-standing business strategy to grow through geographical and service expansions.

"There will be no difference in the way we conduct

business," Matonich said. "In fact, we've stepped up our efforts to better serve our clients. For example, several members of our staff recently obtained accreditations to design environmentally friendly "green" projects as LEED-accredited professionals."

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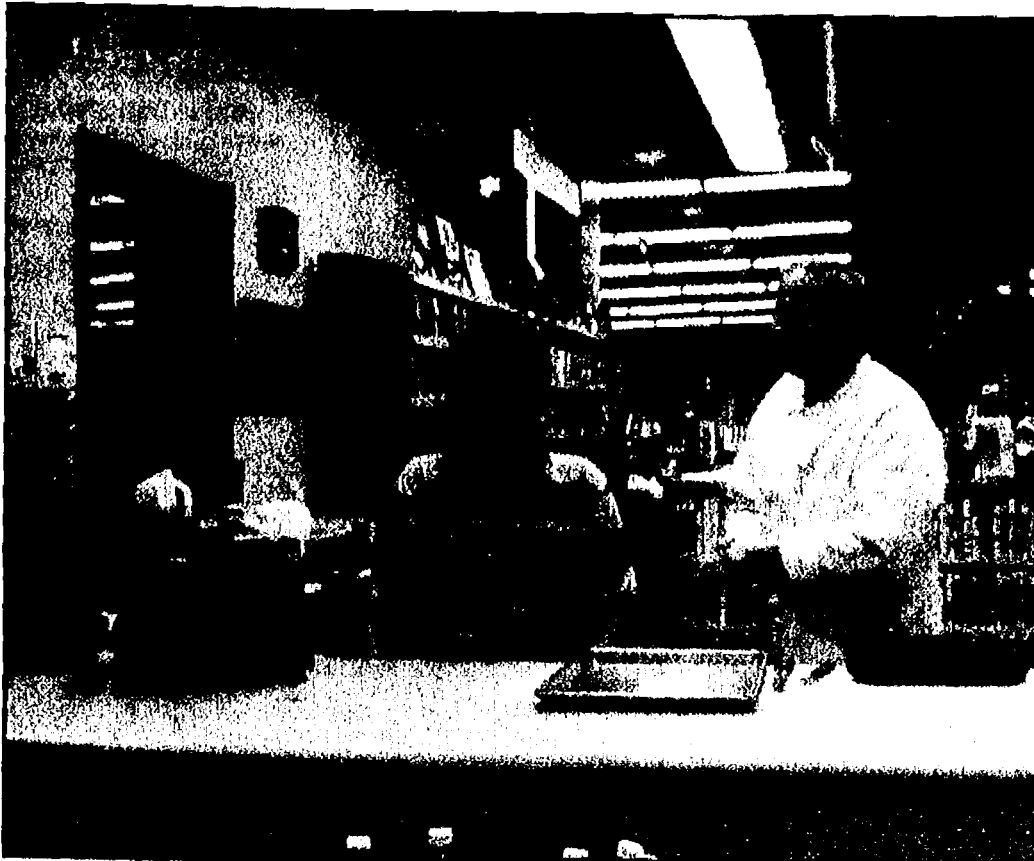
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As a sheriff, Baum has worked with Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield in the past.

"I look forward to working with his department," Baum said.

Thayer said he expects Baum to be a working police chief that is very involved in the community. He said he has the strength and experience to take charge of an emergency situation, command respect from his officers and foster a better community relationship with Grayling residents.

"We want to serve the community with respect and we want them to feel free to call us when they have the need," Thayer said.

Baum has a 13-year-old son, Brock, and enjoys hunting, fishing, boating, riding ATVs and snowmobiling. Baum is looking for a house in the community as weather allows while he learns his role as the new police chief. Under a ballot



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Doug Baum was hired to serve as Grayling's new police chief on Jan. 5. He replaces Karl Schreiner who resigned in September after serving 31 years with the department. Above, Baum most recently served as the sheriff of the Montmorency Sheriff's Department for three and 1/2 years.

proposal decided by Michigan voters in recent years, city firefighters and police officers are required to live within 20 miles within the communities

they serve.

"If an emergency situation happens, he has to be able to be on the scene quickly and take charge of the situation," Thayer said.



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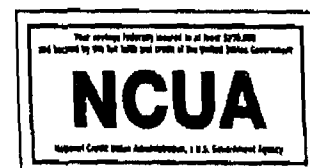
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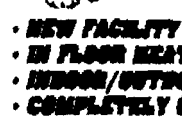
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Michael Shane Flynn II, age 43 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 25, 2008, for larceny less than \$200; ordered to pay \$410 in fines or serve 41 days in jail.

Terry Lyn Press, age 47 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 4, 2008, for assault/assault and battery and disorderly person/drunken; ordered to serve 90 days in jail with credit for 56 days served; ordered to pay \$915 in fines.

Adriane Marie Lester, age 18 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 4, 2008, for drug/alcohol consumption-minor on premise; ordered to pay \$920 in fines or serve 30 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Stephen Robert Schultes, age 53 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 4, 2008, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve three days in jail; ordered to pay \$220 in fines.

Scott Matthew Michels, age 29 of Frederic - Sentenced on Nov. 25, 2008, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to serve five days in jail; ordered to pay \$1,240 in fines or serve 90 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Christopher Allen Massingill, age 32 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Nov. 18, 2008, for motor vehicle-tampering; ordered to pay \$940 in fines and \$2,646.30 in restitution or serve 90 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Richard Orin Wallace, age 67 of Saginaw - Sentenced on Nov. 18, 2008, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to serve 93 days in jail; ordered to pay \$790 in fines.

Lucus John Pippin, age 18 of Frederic - Sentenced on Nov. 4, 2008, for operating within presence of a controlled substance; ordered to pay \$1,680 in fines or serve 168 days in jail; placed on probation for 362 days.

Arthur Mendez, age 48 of Traverse City - Sentenced on Nov. 18, 2008, for violation of license restriction; ordered to serve 15 days in

jail; ordered to pay \$565 in fines.

Beri Ann Duran, age 44 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 10, 2008, for retail fraud-second degree; ordered to serve 20 days in jail; ordered to pay \$540 in fines or serve 54 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Rachel Marie Osaer, age 18 of Richmond - Sentenced on Nov. 4, 2008, for alcohol-purchase/consume/possess by minor; ordered to pay \$835 in fines or serve 83 days in jail; placed on probation for 362 days.

Bradley Daniel McNinch, age 20 of Armada - Sentenced on Nov. 4, 2008, for alcohol-purchase/consume/possess by minor; ordered to pay \$835 in fines or serve 83 days in jail; placed on probation for 362 days.

Mark Thomas Carpenter, age 22 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 25, 2008, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve five days in jail; ordered to pay \$690 in fines or serve 69 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

Autumn Lynn Burpee, age 23 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 18, 2008, for retail fraud-third degree; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for five days served; ordered to pay \$260 in fines.

Roxanne Marie Gayheart, age 41 of River Rouge - Sentenced on Nov. 4, 2008, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$970 in fines or serve 97 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Ethelyn Elizabeth Annis, age 51 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 18, 2008, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$1,320 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Joseph Edward Frost Jr., age 17 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 18, 2008, for disturbance of the peace; ordered to pay \$325 in fines or serve 32 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

Jeffery Steven Todd, age 18 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 25, 2008, for improper use of license plate; ordered to pay \$115 in fines.

Sancy Kay Holborn, age

25 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 10, 2008, for embezzlement-agent/trustee over \$200 under \$1,000; ordered to pay \$1,230 in fines and \$1,600 in restitution or serve 283 days in jail; placed on probation for 365 days.

Autumn Lynn Burpee, age 23 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 18, 2008, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve five days in jail; ordered to pay \$220 in fines.

Paul Steven Kolka, age 36 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 25, 2008, for controlled substance possession of marijuana; ordered to pay \$770 in fines or serve 77 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Antonio Rafael Cosme, age 20 of Detroit - Sentenced on Nov. 4, 2008, for person under 21-transport/possess in vehicle; ordered to pay \$365 in fines; placed on probation for 120 days.

Ryan Anderson Procnier, age 20 of Prudenville - Sentenced on Nov. 10, 2008, for person under 21-transport/possess in vehicle; ordered to serve three days in jail; ordered to pay \$715 in fines or serve 71 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

Magistrate Camarin Talarico

Lucas William Hurd, age 20 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 12, 2008, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$220 in fines or serve 22 days in jail.

Joseph Gregory Dippre, age 19 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Nov. 12, 2008, for person under 21 purchase/consume/possess liquor; ordered to pay \$435 in fines; placed on probation for 92 days.

Tony Jay Medina, age 18 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Nov. 12, 2008, for person under 21 purchase/consume/possess liquor; ordered to pay \$335 in fines; placed on probation for 92 days.

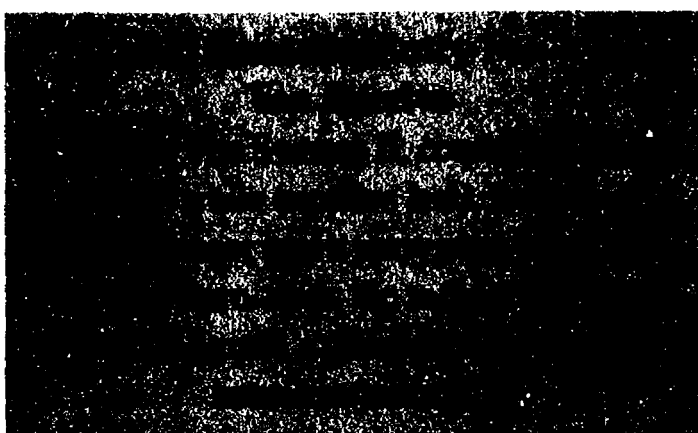
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WAP Christmas Walk announces awards

During Grayling's Christmas Walk, the Watershed Art Project (WAP) held its second annual Art Show in the Apollo's Lyre. Over 400 crowded in to view a variety of fine artwork to include paintings, photography, wood carvings, pottery and jewelry. Harp music was provided by Kelly Yousoufian, owner of Apollo's Lyre. Prior to the show, Juror Scott Rice, an instructor at Kirtland Community College, reviewed the submitted works and awarded three artists for their exceptional artwork pieces.

The Best of Show went to Kim Diment's *Prevailing Westerly*. The original acrylic and mix painting of a buffalo brought Rice to say, "This painting demonstrates outstanding technical skill mixed with a graphic design and abstract style. With a beautiful rendition of details and life, Kim teaches the viewer to see all the colors and beauty of nature. This work shows a great combination of realism and impressionism."

Kim is a graduate of Michigan State University where she achieved a double major in zoology and fine arts. While she and her husband call Grayling their home, Kim has traveled extensively to Europe and Africa to find inspiration for her art. Her talent and perceptive eye has won her several national and international awards. Among these was the 2007 Editor's Selection Professional

Winner Artist of the Year by the European Wildscape Magazine. In that same year, she took second place in the international 24th annual art completion animal category sponsored by Artist's Magazine. Her painting of the North American Puffins was the cover artwork for the 2006 Birder's Catalog. She also took first place in the 2001 Michigan Duck Stamp Competition and was in the top ten for the Federal Duck Stamp.

The Watershed Award went to Judie Komraus' Chickadee with Sunflower. This piece was hand carved from tupelo or sweetgum wood and painted with acrylic. The delicate leaves were also hand carved. Judie, who lives in Vanderbilt, is self taught and has been carving since 1985. Even with years of experience, carving songbirds takes her 80-120 hours and larger birds take as much as 400 hours to finish. Here is Rice's comments on her work. "This wood carving is a great combination of found nature and wood carving skills. A beautiful representation of things we take for granted but enrich our lives daily."

The People's Choice Award went to Vickie Durfee of Prescott. Christmas Walk participants had the opportunity to vote on their favorite artwork and they chose Vickie's photograph titled Remembering the Reason. This color photograph was of a WWII sailor saying

good bye to a little girl and boarding a steam engine. This is the same steam engine which visited Grayling in 2007. Vickie also won an Honorable Mention for Fruit of the Vine, a color photo of vine grapes. Scott Rice made this comment, "A wonderful composition and story telling device is easily seen. The photo makes us aware of the photographer's skills to represent this common photographic subject matter."

Of the overall show, Rice had these additional comments, "Each artist showcases a stunning body of work that every artist should try to achieve. At the same time, each shows a confidence and deep passion at being the best in their medium."

"From framing to the work itself, each work makes me think, 'I wish I did that.'"

The show as a whole is a great representation on how talented the artists of northern Michigan are and how easily one work can stand next to those created by artists from New York, Chicago and Los Angeles."

The Watershed Art Project Christmas Walk Art Show was made possible in part through a grant from the North Central Michigan Community Foundation. The WAP partnered with the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership in the spring of 2008. Because of her generosity, Yousoufian has allowed WAP to use her building for art exhibits. A

permanent gallery exhibit will remain but will be under the management of Apollo's Lyre. Winter hours are Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting. Future events include an invitational Artist Rendezvous, the Spring Art Walk on April 25, the Plein Art Garden Walk on July 18, Fall for the Arts on Oct. 3 and 4 and the Christmas Walk on Nov. 14.

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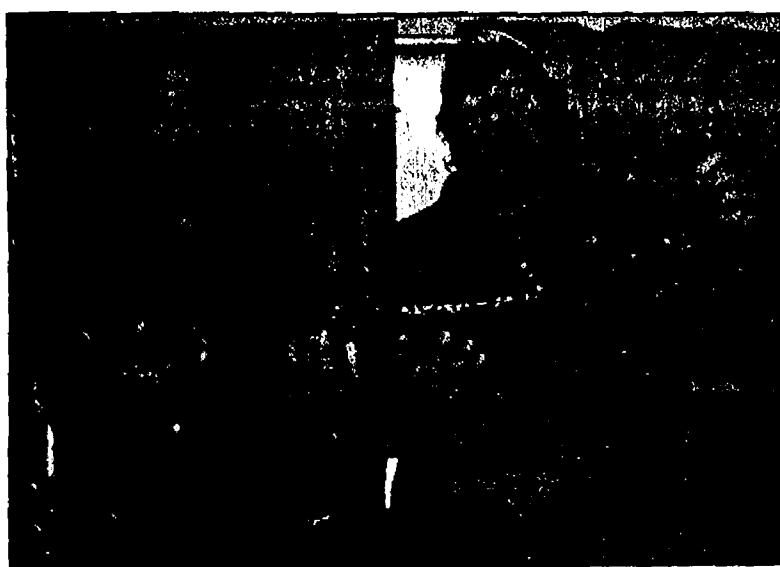
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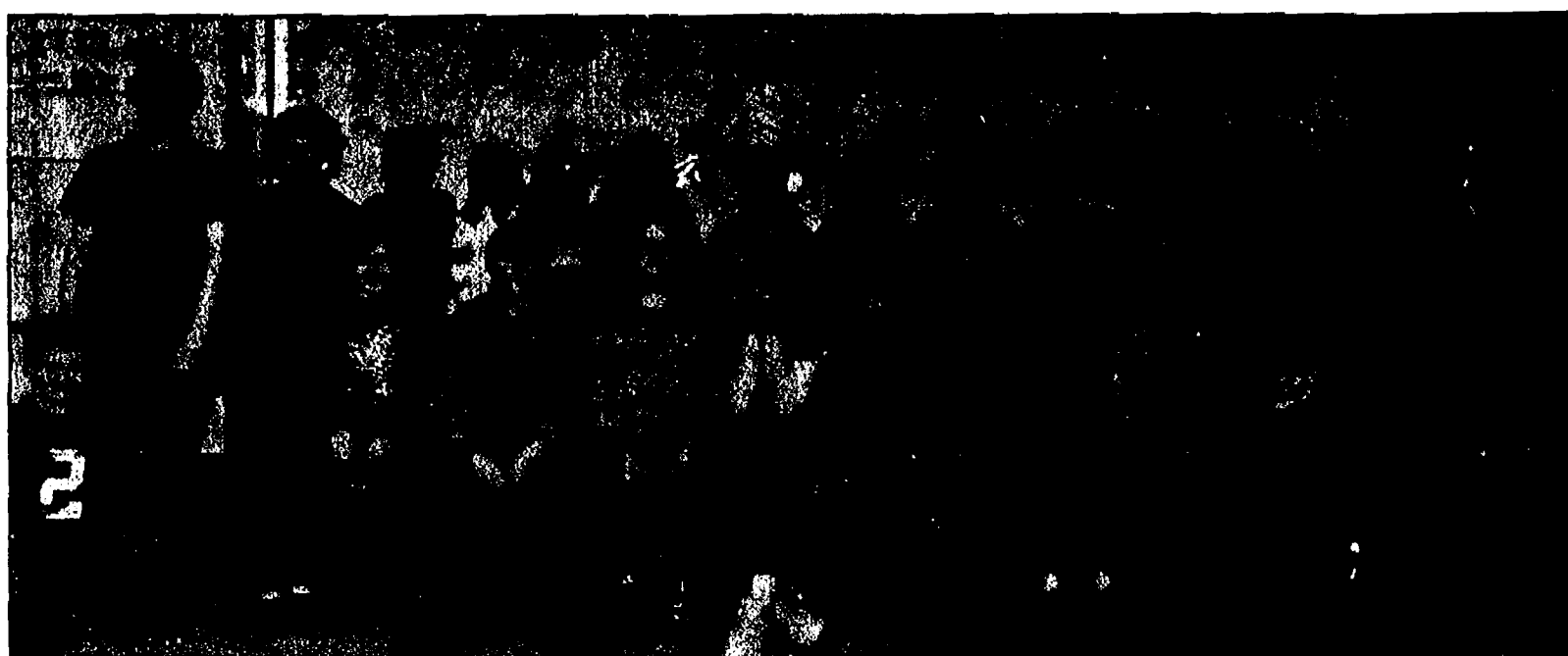
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GES names Writers of the month



These third, fourth and fifth grade students were selected by their teachers as being the most outstanding writers in their classrooms for the month of November. (From left to right, front row) Easton Farrell, Trevor Hart, Chase Lohr, Emily Jackson, Chantel Maczorowski, Rebecca Latusek, Morgan Brigham, James Myers, Jacob MacFalda, Brady Bickford, Brandon Davison; (back row) Austin Sheppard, Bailey Miller, David Bodkins, Carly Cross, Paige Scheer, Paige Millikin, Madeline Westfall, Jocelyn Kohnert, Erica Umlor, Ashley Stout, Zackary Teal and Zachary Burger.

Healthy Living

Plan a week of good health

(NewsUSA) - Many Americans tell themselves the same thing - their health goals will have to wait because the timing "isn't right."

But some clichés do ring true - there really is no time like the present. Don't know where to begin? First, decide what goal you would like to

accomplish: running a marathon, losing 20 pounds, eating healthier. Then, decide what steps you will need to take to reach that goal. Determine what you can start doing today. For example, if you want to run a marathon, you shouldn't plan to run 10k on your first outing. Instead, set out to run 10

to 15 minutes. If you can't do that, try a brisk walk instead.

SUCCESS Magazine, a publication that seeks to inspire and inform entrepreneurs and small-business owners, offers these tips for Americans looking to improve their health in one week:

- Day One: Buy a pedometer. The American Heart Association recommends taking 3,000 steps every day. Wearing a pedometer lets you count every step, so figure out where you can fit in more walking while working, shopping or running errands.

- Day Two: Start taking the stairs. Have you noticed that you quickly become out of breath when you walk up steps? Taking the stairs instead of the elevator or escalator will solve that problem in a matter of weeks, not to mention improve your heart's health. Whether you walk up one flight of stairs or ten, you will still enjoy benefits.

- Day Three: Do calf raises at your desk. Lift your toes, then return to a flat foot, then lift your heels and squeeze your calf muscles. You will pump blood back up your legs, improving circulation.

- Day Four: Give up your parking space. Park farther away from the office, store or gym. The extra walking will quickly add up.

- Day Five: Plan to eat all-natural foods for a day. Instead of processed cereal, make a bowl of oatmeal for breakfast. Hummus and cut-up vegetables, or unsalted nuts with fruit, make good snacks. For lunch and dinner, choose healthy, whole foods like hearty salads or vegetable-based soups or stews. Stay on the perimeter of the grocery store when you shop.

- Day Six: Take time to relax. Sit down with a good book, take a bath, listen to some favorite music or go out for a relaxing walk. Taking time to decompress and enjoy yourself will reduce your overall stress levels.

- Day Seven: Confuse your dog. When you take your dog out, go for a walk. Alternate between walking for 10 minutes and jogging for two minutes. Slowly increase the amount of time you spend jogging until both you and your pup become runners. No pet? Take a friend instead.

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MSA supports legislation to avoid snowmobile trail funding shortfall

The Michigan Snowmobile Association (MSA), last week, expressed support of action taken by the Michigan Legislature to increase trail funding through trail and registration permits to avoid funding shortfalls and to purchase trail easements.

The state-administered snowmobile program, funded entirely by snowmobilers, faces a \$1 million deficit next year without more program funds.

"Industry stakeholders did the necessary homework to conclude that permit increases are the only way to adequately fund snowmobiling in Michigan as we know it," said Bill Manson, the MSA executive director. "The legislature did the right thing by avoiding a major funding shortfall."

The bi-partisan legislation, co-sponsored by Sen. Jason Allen (R-Traverse City) and Sen. James Barcia (D-Bay City), was previously approved by the House, and today passed the Senate 37-1. Under Senate Bill 1489, a three-year Michigan snowmobile registration would increase from \$22 to \$30. The registration revenue is designated for a permanent trail easement program, necessary to prevent lost sections of trail caused by land ownership changes. Half of the 6,500 mile trail is located on private land. The easements would only allow for snowmobiling during the winter. Senate Bill 1490 would increase trail permits from \$25 to \$35 for 2009-2010, then \$45 for 2011 through 2015 and the price would be set by the inflation index beginning in 2016. These revenues are designated for the Snowmobile Trail Improvement Fund that grooms and maintains the trails. The extra funding will prevent a \$1 million snowmobile program deficit that would potentially close many trails and cease grooming and maintenance on large portions of the trail network. The result would critically alter tourism spending while causing unsafe riding conditions. Law enforcement patrols, too, would be severely cut

under such a deficit. Law enforcement groups supported the funding legislation.

"Snowmobiling has a profound impact on tourism and consequently the state's economy," Manson said. "A significant trail disruption would hurt a broad range of businesses, not only those that rely on winter tourism."

Program funding is also needed to address long-term infrastructure repair. Bridge refurbishment and complete replacements must be completed soon for public safety reasons. Some trail bridge maintenance has been delayed for many years. The program currently has no funds for these projects, but will under the bi-partisan legislation. The funding increase is supported by an overwhelming majority of snowmobilers that responded to a survey from the MSA. The survey was sent to thousands of in-state and out-of-state snowmobilers alike, with over 80 percent support from respondents. Gov. Jennifer Granholm is expected to sign the trail funding legislation, which will take effect next winter, for the 2009-2010 riding season. Business leaders were encouraged that the snowmobiling community worked with the state to address this very important issue.

"It's encouraging that snowmobilers, businesses and the state worked together to protect such an important part of our economy," said Don Reed, President of the MSA and owner of the Fox River Motel in Seney. "Governor Granholm understands the importance of snowmobiling so I am hopeful she will sign the trail funding bills into law."

Michigan has over 6,500 miles of trails on public and private land used for snowmobiling from Dec. 1 to March 31. Trail grooming is done almost entirely by clubs and business associations, most of whom are volunteers. The snowmobile industry generates more than \$1 billion per year for Michigan's economy and supports over 7,000 direct jobs.

Births

Ramona and Philip Lewis, of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Erica Nicole, born at Otsego Memorial Hospital on December 26, 2008, at 2:43 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 13 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465

Thursday 7:00 pm

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Jan. 23 - Lunch - oven fried chicken, baked beans, coleslaw and fresh fruit salad. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, Jan. 26 - Lunch - beef ravioli, broccoli, mixed vegetables and applesauce. Dinner - Swiss steak, baked potato, asparagus and pears. 1 p.m. Bridge.

Tuesday, Jan. 27 - Lunch - shepherd's pie, cauliflower, grapes and honey - nut apples. Dinner - salmon patties with cream sauce, green beans, peas and carrots and peaches. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Jan. 28 - Lunch - deluxe hamburger on a bun, lettuce and tomato, O'Brien potatoes and mandarin oranges. Dinner - stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, carrots, pears and brownies. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. COA Board Meeting and pool league, 5:30 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

Thursday, Jan. 29 - Lunch - lemon pepper chicken over noodles, carrots, winter blend vegetables and fresh fruit medley. Dinner - chicken pot pie, Brussels sprouts and oranges and grapefruit. 10 a.m. craft class, 2 p.m. UNO Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Library News

The Frederic Community Library is hosting a "Cyber Teen Revolution" program on Friday, Jan. 23, at 6 p.m. Teens and tweens are invited to attend this event which includes Guitar Hero, D.D.R. and safe internet sites to surf. Contact Connie Meyer, at 348-4067, to sign up or for additional information.

The C.C.L.L. Book Club will meet at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 5 p.m. The book discussion will be on "The Ghost Map" by Steven Johnson. For more information, call Jane at 348-9214, ext. 205.

Obituaries

Mary M. Noa

Mary M. Noa, 92, of Gaylord, passed away on January 13, 2009.

She was born in Gaylord, on September 9, 1916, to Frank and Ann (Zychlinski) Noa.

She was a registered nurse who served many years as a head nurse at Mercy Hospital in Grayling. She had great respect for the Sisters of Mercy. She was dedicated to her nursing profession, always with our Lord's guidance.

She retired from nursing in 1984.

She volunteered for RSV. She played piano for sing-a-longs, hymns and easy listening in Gaylord, Frederic and Grayling, which she considered a blessing.

She appreciated and loved her many friends, God bless them all.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Agatha Noa; cousins, Lorraine Swarthout, and her daughter, Monique; nephews: Frank J. (Laurie) Noa, and their sons, Travis, Matthew, and Adam; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her brother, John; sister, Regina; and nephews, Thomas and Michael.

A funeral service was held on January 16, at St. Mary Cathedral, with Father John McCracken officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Cathedral or the St. Mary School through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734.

Condolences may be sent to www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements made by Nelson Funeral Home, Gaylord.

Douglas A. Hunt

Douglas Allan Hunt, 62, of Grayling, passed away on January 16, 2009.

He was born in Bay City, on May 28, 1946, to the late Edgell and Elsie (Hanley) Hunt.

He served in the U.S. Air Force.

He was the Secretary of State Office Manager in Grayling.

He married the former Marilyn Beacom on August 25, 1976, in Sault St. Marie.

He enjoyed family activities, was an avid reader and enjoyed reloading and rebuilding antique guns.

He was a member of the American Legion, the VFW and the Sportsmen's Club.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; daughters, Rebecca Hunt of Big Rapids, Rachel Hunt of Novi; and brother, Paul (Marilyn) Hunt of Alma.

In keeping with his wishes, he has been cremated and a celebration of his life will be planned. Details will be published in the Crawford County Avalanche when available.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to Crawford County Library, 201 Plum Street, Grayling, MI 49738.

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Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

James J. Peterson

James John Peterson, 75, of Beaver Creek Township, passed away on January 17, 2009.

He was born in Rockford, Ill., on November 4, 1933, to the late Harry Clifford and Esther (Gallagher) Pedersen.

He was a retired tool and die maker, having worked at GM for 30 years.

After retiring from GM, he worked at the Detroit Medical Center in cancer research for 10 years.

He married the former Mary Butcher on Aug. 5, 1960, in Royal Oak.

He is survived by his wife Mary, of 48 years; daughter, Kim Joppy of Hastings; grandchildren: Michael, Jimmy and Cassie; great-granddaughter, Brin; brothers, Harry and Clifford Pedersen; and sisters: Barbara and Susan.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Amear Hagner.

No services are planned at this time.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

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Bruce J. Nielson

Bruce Joseph Nielson, 79, of Grayling, passed away on January 17, 2009.

He was born in Grayling, on October 6, 1929, to the late Carl Henry and Arvely (Tetu) Nielson.

He married the former Helen Marie Balch on July 18, 1964, in Grayling.

He served in the United States Army.

He enjoyed his family, his grandchildren and sitting on the porch.

He was also an avid football fan and enjoyed the Detroit Tigers and fishing.

He retired from Verizon and City of Grayling Department of Public Works. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; sons: Mike (Debra) Nielson of Wayne, Timothy (Renee) Nielson of Mancelona, Bill Nielson, David "Bubba" (Rhonda) Nielson, Terry (Brenda) Nielson, all of Grayling; 13 grandchildren; and brother, Carl (Gloria) Nielson of Grayling.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Terry Nielson.

A service was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Grayling on January 19, with Rev. Robert Nalley officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made in Bruce's name to American Legion Post #106, 106 S. James, Grayling, MI 49738.

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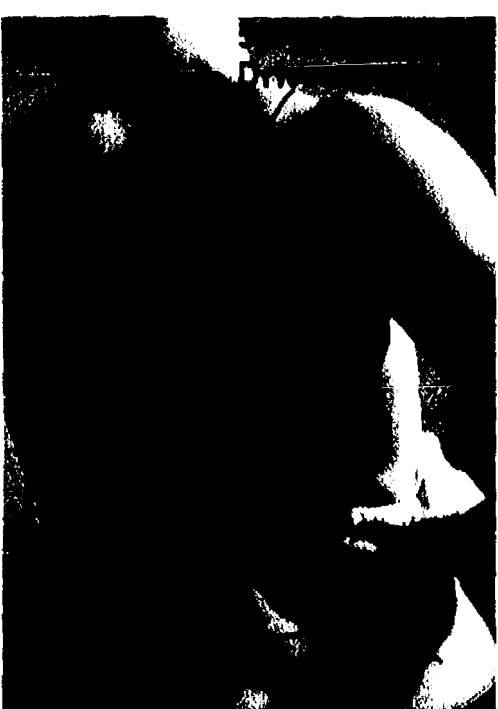
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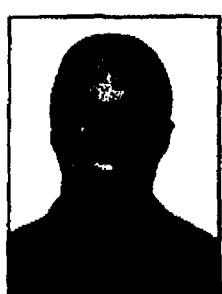
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Traffic was diverted and then rerouted after a semi tractor-trailer jackknifed on southbound I-75 on icy roads on Friday. Above, The semi tanker, owned by Wangler & Sons Inc. based in West Branch, was traveling southbound after dropping off a load of crude oil.

Jackknifed semi closes down I-75

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Traffic was diverted and then rerouted after a semi tractor-trailer jackknifed on southbound I-75 on icy roads on Friday.

The semi tanker, owned by Wangler & Sons Inc. based in West Branch, was traveling southbound after dropping off a load of crude oil. Just south of the 268 mile marker, the tractor-

trailer jackknifed around 9:27 a.m. on Friday, and went into the ditch.

Firefighters from the Frederic Township Fire Department and the Otsego Lake Township Fire Department were dispatched to the scene and diverted traffic into the passing lane around the wrecked semi tanker for a couple of hours.

Ron's Wrecker Service of Gaylord and a wrecker owned by Wangler & Sons Inc. were called to the scene to remove the semi and tanker from the ditch.

I-75 was totally closed down for about four hours while the semi was being removed from the ditch. Traffic was diverted down Marlette Road in Waters to Old U.S. 27. Motorists then exited on County Road 612 to get back on the express-

way.

Crawford County's Community Emergency Response Team, which was formed by the Frederic Township Fire Department in October, was utilized for the first time, helping to divert traffic as motorists were rerouted. Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield had just taught the Community Emergency Response Team, which includes 28 volunteers, how to direct traffic on Tuesday.

"It was very handy to have them available," Frederic Township Fire Chief Doug Pratt said.

Troopers from the Gaylord Post of the Michigan State Police assisted with traffic control while Troopers from the Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police conducted the accident investi-

gation.

Pratt said icy roads, bad weather and driving too fast for the road conditions were factors in the accident, although the driver said there was a mechanical failure with the rig before the accident occurred.

The semi tractor was a total loss.

"The cab was twisted right off the chassis," Pratt said.

The semi driver refused medical treatment at the scene of the accident and firefighters and volunteers remained unharmed in the brisk temperatures.

The Otsego County Road Commission and the Crawford County Road Commission helped plow and clear the roads as the semi was being removed and traffic was being rerouted.

Pennies for Pages pumps kids up for reading

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However, the contest involves more strategy than simply reading as fast as possible. Only pennies count towards the final class total. Students are putting silver coins in competing class's jars in order to "submarine" the competition.

Nickels, dimes and quarters count against a class total when they appear in a jar. For example, a quarter subtracts 25 from the total penny count.

The strategy comes into play when students have to decide between earning pennies for their own jars or "submarining" their competitors. Sometimes it's a struggle for a class just to keep a positive total.

"The winning class last year won this by two cents," Kucharek said.

This year, the competition is more frantic than ever, as several individual classrooms have challenged each other, taking the contest

beyond the overall grade levels. The classrooms that win these one-on-one challenges will earn themselves a bag of candy at the end of the week.

Teachers are free to indulge any biases toward their own students, since they are in the competition, too. Any page a teacher reads can earn coins for the competition. This is the time of year when students find out whether their teachers are doing as much reading as they are.

Kucharek said the best thing about the program is that it works.

"I had kids that were up until four o'clock last night reading," she said. "They're having a good time with it."

She also believes that the thrill of the competition is the perfect remedy for the winter blues.

"It lightens the mood," Kucharek said.

The program is also seen as a way to ease sixth

graders into the inter-class competition that starts in middle school and runs through high school during events like spirit week.

Kucharek believes that Pennies for Pages helps sixth graders realize that they have a fighting chance against their older peers.

Cindi Powers teaches a seventh grade class that has an individual challenge against a group of sixth graders. From the sounds of it, her students are not cutting their younger classmates any slack.

"I'm not sure if they're more excited about the reading or the winning," Powers said.

Non-affiliated readers like Kucharek have the opportunity to balance out the competition by supporting or submarining the classrooms of their choice.

"There's several of us that are freelancers," Kucharek said.

Seventh grader Hir Patel had already ready over 300 pages by Monday, which was only the second school day since the competition began.

"I like reading and learning new things," said Patel.

Although Patel said she was excited about the competition, Kucharek emphasized that all participating students win something from the contest.

The event is likely to help many students improve reading speed, vocabulary and reading comprehension. Plus, it just might expose them to something new and interesting.

"It's a benefit for each student," said Kucharek. "I cannot imagine not reading."

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Vikings start strong in 49-42 win at Elk Rapids

Boys basketball squad opens game with 11-0 lead

The Vikings jumped out to an 11-0 lead early and weathered a couple of Elk Rapids runs during a 49-42 varsity boys basketball league victory at Elk Rapids on Thursday, Jan. 15.

Grayling held the Elks scoreless in the first quarter and led 11-0 after eight minutes of play. The Vikings had a 23-15 lead at halftime. By the beginning of the fourth period, Elk Rapids trailed by six, 33-27.

One free throw by the Elks cut Grayling's lead to five early in the fourth quarter. A three-pointer by Trent Larm gave GHS an eight-point advantage. An inside shot by Elk Rapids pulled the Elks within six, 36-30. A three-pointer by Steven Enos and a drive by Colin Hamlin put the Vikings

ahead by 11. Elk Rapids scored a put-back to reduce Grayling's lead to nine. Eric Ferrigan hit a three-pointer at the 3:14 mark to extend Grayling's lead to 12. Elk Rapids responded with a three-pointer to pull back within nine. An inside shot by Larm gave Grayling an 11-point advantage with 2:11 remaining.

The Elks scored the next four points on 4 of 7 shooting from the free-throw line. Hamlin hit two free throws for Grayling, giving GHS a 48-39 lead with 35 seconds remaining. A three-point play by Elk Rapids cut Grayling's lead to six. Elk Rapids fouled Tyler Steffey to stop the clock. Steffey hit one of two at the line. Elk Rapids missed its last two shot

attempts, and Grayling won by seven, 49-42.

"It was a good win for our kids. We did not play particularly well in the game, but our kids kept their composure and grinded out the win," Coach Rich Moffit said. "On the positive side, we forced 31 turnovers with our defensive pressure. We have some big games coming up and we will build on this."

Leading scorers for the Vikings were: Larm, 16; Steffey, 11; Enos, 9; and Hamlin, 6. Ferrigan, Doug Gothro, and Ryan Foguth also scored points for GHS.

Grayling (3-2 overall, 3-1 league) will host Kalkaska on Thursday, Jan. 22.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Brady Coe finishes the giant slalom course at Schuss Mountain on Friday.

GHS places 2nd, 4th in ski meet

Vikings host Grayling Invitational at Schuss Mountain

Grayling High School's boys and girls ski teams finished second and fourth, respectively, during the Grayling Invitational - a meet hosted by the Vikings at Schuss Mountain - on Friday, Jan. 16.

In the boys competition, Harrison finished first with 28 points. Grayling took second with 99 points, and Mt. Pleasant placed third with 117 points.

In the giant slalom (GS)

competition, Matt Hilbrecht finished first overall.

"Matt Hilbrecht captured the GS title by holding off five Harrison skiers, who finished second through sixth behind him. Harrison continued their domination on the slopes and Matt's performance proved that he can hang with them," Coach Tim Gariglio said. "Overall the boys skied very well today."

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Ciara Summers competes in the slalom event on Friday at Schuss Mountain.



Trent Larm, left, and Tyler Steffey, right, drive to the basket for the Vikings during Thursday's league game at Elk Rapids.



Photos by Caleb Casey



Photo by Caleb Casey

Teresa Schreiber drives to the basket for Grayling vs. Roscommon on Monday.

Elk Rapids pulls away in 4th quarter vs. GHS

Varsity team falls to Elks, Bucks

Grayling trailed by only three points at the beginning of the fourth quarter on Friday night, but the visiting Elks of Elk Rapids pulled away down the stretch to win the varsity girls basketball contest by a final score of 45-32.

The Vikings led 10-9 after one quarter. Grayling trailed by three, 20-17, at halftime. Elk Rapids took a 30-25 advantage into the fourth quarter.

A drive by Teresa Schreiber at the 7:45 mark

cut Elk Rapids' lead to three, 30-27. The Elks scored the game's next two baskets to lead by seven, 34-27, with 3:34 left in the contest. A put-back by Laura Boylan at the 3:34 mark cut Elk Rapids' lead to five.

The Elks outscored Grayling 11-3 in the final 3:30 to win by 13 points. Elk Rapids scored seven of its 15 fourth quarter points at the free-throw line (7 of 18).

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Wrestling team wins Onaway tournament

Vikings defeat Boyne, Cheboygan in three-team meet on Jan. 8

The GHS wrestling team finished first in Saturday's eight-team tournament held at Onaway. Eleven Vikings finished in the top four in their respective weight class, including two wrestlers who finished first. Placements for GHS included: Jerry Bergey (103), 4th; Jacob Ervin (119), 2nd; Joe White (125), 2nd; Olivia Peters (130), 3rd; Will Fowler (135), 3rd; Josh Moggo (140), 2nd;

Cody Collen (145), 1st; Shane Grove (171), 2nd; Joe Contreras (189), 3rd; Matt Townsend (215), 3rd; Kyle Peters (heavyweight), 1st.

Saturday's tournament included teams from Onaway, Kalkaska, Forest Area, Oscoda, Traverse City St. Francis, and Sanford Meridian.

Last Tuesday's meet at Elk Rapids was postponed. The meet has been rescheduled for Feb. 4.

On Thursday, Jan. 8, the Vikings defeated Boyne City and Cheboygan in a three-team meet held at Boyne City.

Grayling won 70-9 vs. Cheboygan.

Bergey (103), Jacob Ervin (125), Dan Duvall (130), Fowler (135), Anthony Allison (145), and Peters (heavyweight) all won by default. White (119), Collen (152), Zach Wolcott (160), Contreras (189), and Townsend (215) all pinned their Cheboygan opponents. Moggo won by decision,

12-1.

The Vikings defeated Boyne City 53-9.

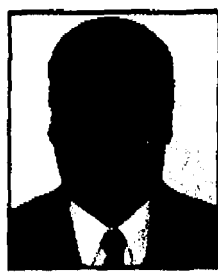
Bergey (103), Cody Elmy (112), and Peters (heavyweight) won by default. White (125) won an 8-1 decision. Townsend (215) won a 6-2 decision. Duvall (130), Fowler (135), Moggo (140), Collen (152), and Contreras (189) all won by pin.

The Vikings will wrestle against Charlevoix and TCSF at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 22, at Charlevoix High School.



The GHS wrestling team celebrates its first place finish at Onaway on Saturday.

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Elks edge Vikings 61-58 in JV game

In a JV boys basketball contest that came down to the final minute, the Elk Rapids Elks edged the Grayling Vikings 61-58 on Thursday night at Elk Rapids.

Grayling led 12-10 at the end of the first period. The Vikings led by seven, 30-23, at halftime. Elk Rapids outscored GHS 19-10 in the third period to take a 42-40 advantage into the fourth quarter.

The Elks scored the first points of the fourth period with a put-back. Grayling answered with a jump shot by Zane Tobin. Elk Rapids hit a jump shot at the other end to extend its lead back to four.

A three-pointer by Jake Helsel and a drive by David Bergan gave Grayling a 47-46 advantage with 6:06 left in regulation.

Elk Rapids scored two points with an inside shot. A drive by Bergan put Grayling back up by one.

The Elks scored six unanswered points to lead by five, 54-49, with 3:17 remaining.

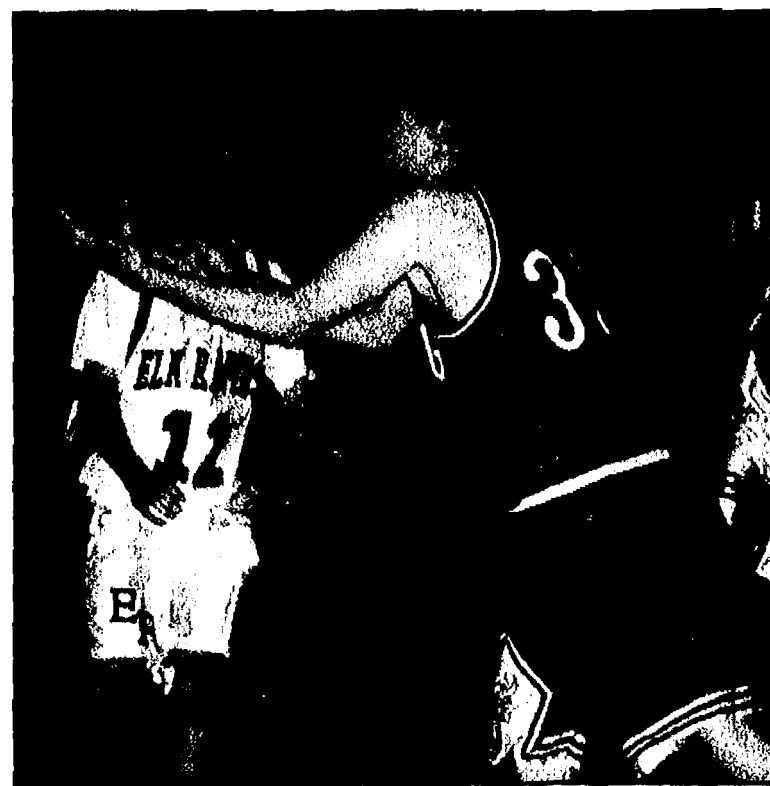
An inside shot by Jensen Aubry and a lay-up by Bergan cut Elk Rapids' lead to one. The Elks scored an inside shot to lead by three. Grayling trailed by one after an inside shot by Ethan Lewis. Elk Rapids scored a basket to lead by three, 58-55, with 1:55 left in the fourth period.

A jump shot by Tobin and one free throw by Griffin Dean tied the game at 58-58 with 1:05 remaining.

Elk Rapids scored on a put-back to lead by two. The Elks stole the ball, but Grayling forced a tie-up to get it back. Grayling turned the ball over, giving Elk Rapids the ball with 16 seconds remaining.

Grayling fouled to stop the clock. The Elks hit one of two shots at the free-throw line to lead by three.

Grayling tried for three, missed, got the rebound, and turned the ball over with a travelling violation. On the resulting in-bounds play, Elk Rapids was called for a foul during a battle for a loose ball. At the 0:01 mark, Grayling missed both free



Zane Tobin shoots a lay-up for the Vikings on Thursday at Elk Rapids.

throws. Elk Rapids won 61-58.

The Vikings finished the game with 17 steals and 25 turnovers. They won the rebounding battle 35-29. The team shot only 38 percent (5 for 13) from the free-throw line.

"We battled and fought hard all game. This was the hardest we have played so far this year. Unfortunately,

we came up a little short," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

Leading scorers for the Vikings included: Helsel, 16 points; Bergan, 14 points, 6 assists; Lewis, 6 points; Dean, 5 points, 11 rebounds; Aubry, 4 points, 9 rebounds.

The Vikings (2-3 overall, 1-3 league) will host Kalkaska on Thursday, Jan. 22, at 6 p.m.

Grayling places 2nd, 4th in ski meet

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Other placements for Grayling's boys team included: (GS) Mike Olson, 8th; Brady Coe, 15th; Matt Duncel, 19th; Peter Alexander, 25th; Roger Heggie, 28th; (slalom) Olson, 5th; Coe, 10th; Alexander, 17th; Roger Heggie, 24th; Duncel, 26th.

Standings for the girls

competition included: 1. Clare, 92; 2. Benzie Central, 103; 3. Harrison, 109; 4. Grayling, 112; 5. Inland Lakes, 115.

"The girls started the morning off on the rough side by finishing sixth in the slalom event. They were almost 30 points out of first. In the afternoon, they put together the best comeback they possibly could. They

dominated the GS event by placing three girls in the top 10. They almost came back and won this race after almost being eliminated in the morning event. There were five teams in it until the end," Coach Gariglio said. "We still have some work to do before regionals. For the afternoon's event, I am very proud of them not to let down."

Placements for the Vikings included: (GS) Hannah Smith, 4th; Ciara Summers, 5th; Katie Lange, 7th; Peggy Curriston, 24th; Emily Wingard, 32nd; (slalom) Smith, 7th; Summers, 12th; Lange, 15th; Wingard, 38th.

The Vikings will ski in a league meet at Boyne Mountain on Thursday, Jan. 22.

Bowling Leagues

Pioneer League

Grayling Rest 16 - 4
Eagles Nest 15 - 5
American Legion 12.5 - 7.5
5 B's 10 - 10
Ole Dam Store 8.5 - 11.5
T.C. Lawncare 8 - 12
Tim's Collision 5 - 15
Ball Busters 5 - 15
High Series: S. Johnson, 605; J. Coors, 526; D. Argue, 510. High Game: S. Johnson, 212; M. Rock, 192; P. D'Amour, 185.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Last Call 21 - 7
Fred's of Rosco 19 - 9
Canadian Steak 16 - 12
Legion 16 - 12
McDonald's 12 - 16
L & L Hauling 12 - 16
Double Trouble 11 - 17
Miller Spillers 5 - 23
High Series Women: M.

Jankowski, 518; L. Hanson 491; M. Cole, 488. High Game Women: M. Cole, 204; M. Jankowski, 197; L. Hanson, 196. High Series Men: P. Bernardo, 608; G. Mastroeni, 602; D. Williamson, 594. High Game Men: P. Bernardo, 223 G. Mastroeni, 219.

Thursday Morning Coffee

Three Amigos 3 - 1
Misfits 3 - 1
Snow Tops 3 - 1
Bill's Harem 2.5 - 1.5
Pin Slayers 1.5 - 2.5
Rosebuds 1 - 3
Casino Bums 1 - 3
Ladybugs 1 - 3
High Series Women: I. Cosgray, 494; A. Stanley, 485; H. Stairs, 457. High Game Women: A. Stanley, 189; I. Cosgray, 185; K. Moshier, 175. High Series Men: P. Faustman, 523; E. Brosky, 490; F. Periard, 482. High Game Men: E. Brosky and P. Faustman, 182; F. Periard, 181.

Sunday Mixed Doubles

Team Shocker 16 - 5
Salon Rue 14 - 7
Hard Balls 13 - 8
Spikes #2 12 - 9
AJD 11 - 10

Spikes #1 9 - 12
GrayRock Cafe 5 - 16
Growlers 4 - 17
High Series Men: J. Thayer, 646; L. Ostrowski, 560; T. Sheldon, 555. High Game Men: J. Thayer, 279; R. Sartin, 223; M. Forbes, 213. High Series Women: L. Mead, 467; H. Lippard, 462; C. Sheldon, 450. High Game Women: A. Ray, 193; L. Mead, 184; H. Lippard, 172.

Senior League

Spike's 9 - 3
Flowers By Josie 8 - 4
Bear's Den Pizza 8 - 4
Gaylord Electric 8 - 4
Dana Transport 6 - 6
Kicking Grass 4 - 8
Sylvester's Sports 4 - 7
Lone Pine 0 - 12
High Series Women: M. Rysso, 552; H. Stairs, 480; C. Clark, 468. High Game Women: M. Rysso, 244; H. Stairs and C. Clark, 174. High Series Men: B. Hollis, 566; D. Williamson, 565; P. Faustman, 526. High Game Men: D. Williamson, 213; B. Hollis, 209; J. Rasmussen, 196.

American Men's League

McNamara Ford 29 - 13

Fenton's Auto 25 - 17
Moore's Auto 25 - 17
GADCO 21 - 21
Sky Ripper 20 - 22
McLean's Ace 20 - 22
Dragon Repair 19 - 23
High Series: R. Boonie, 600; L. Davis, 588; D. Henning, 542. High Game: L. Davis, 234; R. Adkison, 214; B. Gulick, 210.

Recreation League

Robin Smith CPA 12 - 4
GMH-NCC 9 - 7
Woody Girls 9 - 7
Days Inn 8 - 8
Glen's Market 8 - 8
American Legion 7 - 9
TNT Charter 7 - 9
Grayling Nursing 4 - 12
High Series: S. Rozenek, 530; P. Terry, 505; P. D'Amour, 489. High Game: S. Rozenek 201; S. Davis, 194; P. D'Amour, 191.

National First

GADCO 10 - 4
Hagerman Const 8 - 6
Continental Rental 7 - 7
Pittman Bld 7 - 7
Primary Electric 6 - 8
High Series: C. Brill, 576; J. Arwood, 544; C. Golinick, 542. High Game: J. Lozon, 256; J. Arwood, 209; C. Brill, 207.

Grayling Youth Wrestling Club

In a meet held in Essexville on Jan. 10, the Grayling Youth Wrestling Club had 28 of its 39 wrestlers place in the top four of their respective weight classes.

"All the kids have made improvements since we first started," Coach Larry Duvall said. "We will continue to work hard and will

get better each week."

Placements for Grayling included: Mason Crandall, 1st; Gavin Dannenburg, 3rd; Zachary Duncan, 2nd; Deacon Myers, 4th; Travis Phipps, 2nd; Parker Dole, 1st; Harley Duncan, 3rd; Jacob Kolka, 4th; Tim Burr, 2nd; Ashdon Terrien, 1st; Kaden Brigham, 4th; Logan Duvall, 2nd; Jonathan

Martin, 1st; Michael Phipps, 3rd; Lucas Scott, 4th; Zack Cheney, 3rd; Aaron Hagle, 1st; Zachary Joseph, 1st; Daniel Schultz, 2nd; Tandy Mitchell, 4th; Gage Toomey, 3rd; Jeff Enos, 3rd; Ty Jensen, 2nd; Zachary Mack, 1st; Jeff Myers, 3rd; Kyle Schmidt, 1st; Brandon Handrich, 1st; Brandon Brennan, 3rd.

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JV squad falls to Elks, Bucks

Grayling High School's junior varsity girls basketball team fell to Roscommon and Elk Rapids in games played at GHS last Monday and Friday, respectively.

On Friday night, the Elks defeated Grayling 39-29.

"The girls really did play a good game throughout. What stung us was the same problems we have run into before - shooting and free throws," Coach Craig Hofman said. "The girls played a strong first quarter and second and we went into halftime with a two-point lead, 17-15. We were 7 for 10 from the line and controlled the game well."

"Elk Rapids started to press and we struggled at times throughout the game, but did better as the game moved on. We were able to play good defense and kept them from converting turnovers into points," Coach Hofman said. "We struggled in the third quarter and were outscored 14-5. The Elks hit 8 of 12 free throws to take a 29-22 lead at the end of the third. We did better at the end of the third quarter when we picked up the intensity and started to press with more effectiveness."

"(In) the fourth quarter we climbed back into the game and were down (by) five with just over two minutes left. We had several opportunities

to score - good opportunities - but we did not convert. We also struggled in the fourth quarter again with free throws. We were only 3 for 10. We have basically handed away two possible victories from the free-throw line. We had our chances to win this game and the game was a lot closer than 10 points."

"I am proud of these girls for their continued high energy and effort. I saw us fight back from being down to take the lead, falling down, and fighting back again. It shows growth mentally as a team," Coach Hofman said.

Leading scorers for Grayling were: Kirstie Wakeley, 12 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals; Ann Hamlin, 7 points, 8 rebounds, 3 steals; Hali Miller, 4 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals; Haley Wiseman, 3 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists; Shalee Miller, 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal.

On Monday night, the Vikings lost 39-27 vs. the Roscommon Bucks.

"The girls played a good game and improved from the last time we played Roscommon. We gave up some points in spurts, (which) allowed the Bucks to achieve and maintain an eight- to 10-point lead from the middle of the third quarter on. We just could not climb back in," Coach



Shalee Miller sets up for a shot during Monday's JV game against Roscommon.

Hofman said. "We were 9 for 29 from the (free-throw) line and that is what kept us from getting back in it. We have been shooting free throws much better, but tonight we struggled. We also did not convert the many turnovers into points. We had 16 steals as a team, and a few on the press, but never converted those into easy points. Roscommon was able to capitalize on a few of our turnovers."

"I was pleased with our defensive effort and our rebounding improved against a team that goes to the boards well. We still need to work on our consistency. We do a good job against the press, but we rushed some shots

instead of running an offense. The girls need to put the ball in the basket. That is what it comes down to. In a majority of our games we are taking a lot more shots than the other team, but we are not scoring points. We are improving, but we have to make the easy shots more often," Coach Hofman said.

Grayling's leading scorers were: Wakeley, 11 points, 3 steals; Wiseman, 5 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals; Hamlin, 4 points, 9 rebounds, 2 steals; Miller, 6 points, 4 steals, 2 assists; Charlie Money, 1 point, 2 steals, 1 assist.

Grayling (2-6 overall) will play at Harbor Springs on Friday, Jan. 23.

Elk Rapids pulls away in 4th quarter vs. GHS

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"At the end of the third quarter, we were only down by five points. We ended up having to foul them and we missed on opportunities to score in the fourth quarter," Coach Kelly Sheehan said. "I wish our players could see how close they really are in each game. It has been fun watching them gain confidence."

Boylan had 11 points and eight rebounds for Grayling. Mackenzie Harwood had nine points. Abbey Thomas had five points, 10 rebounds, and two assists. Sam Schreiber had eight rebounds and five steals. T. Schreiber had four points. Ashley Feldhauser had three points and two assists.

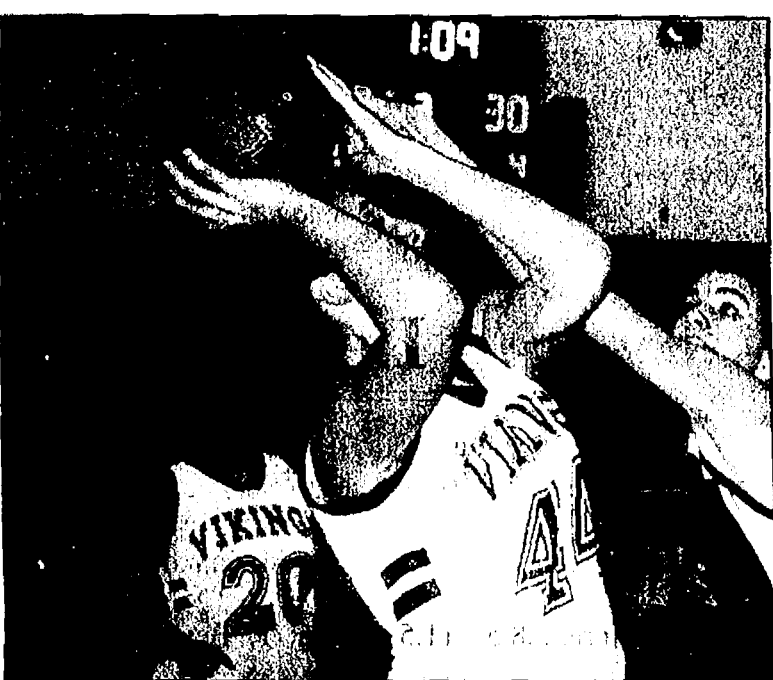
On Monday night, the Vikings lost 46-29 vs.

Roscommon in a nonconference game played at GHS.

The Bucks led by two, 8-6, after one quarter. Roscommon led by nine at halftime, 21-12. Grayling trailed 41-25 going into the fourth period.

"The score at the end of the first quarter was 6-8. Then Roscommon began to score and we missed some shots we usually put down. Our defense, once again, was strong. Roscommon had to work for each point," Coach Sheehan said. "A game highlight was our point guard play by Sam Schreiber, who finished with a season-high 15 points, including three three-pointers."

S. Schreiber finished with 15 points, four rebounds, and two steals. Boylan had seven points, nine rebounds, and



Abbey Thomas shoots the ball for the Vikings on Friday vs. Elk Rapids.

five blocks. Naomi Anglemeyer was 2 for 2 from the free-throw line. Feldhauser finished with six rebounds.

The Vikings (2-7 overall, 1-3 league) will play at Harbor Springs on Friday, Jan. 23.

GHS Bowling Club

The Grayling High School bowling club started its season with a recent meet in Gaylord, competing against other northern Michigan high schools. They lost all three of their first matches vs. Gaylord, Cheboygan and St. Ignace. Coach Ben Brock said the kids were very nervous and didn't bowl up to their potential.

"We bowled against some very experienced teams and it showed," Coach Brock said.

Last Saturday, the bowling club went to St. Ignace to try to obtain their first win of the season. In the first match, Grayling took on the Cheboygan Chiefs and got their first match win by a score of 18-12. They won the baker games with scores of 166-165 and 193-122. In the first regular game, Taylor DesEnfants rolled a 234 and Matt Hellebuyck threw a 196. In the second game, Hellebuyck posted a 196, allowing GHS to coast to success.

In the second match of the day, Grayling took on Alpena and tried to make it two wins in a row - and they did. GHS

won both baker games with scores of 169-137 and 170-95. In the first regular game, Hellebuyck rolled a 218, Tyler Hanson threw a 154 and Mike Davis added 156. In the second game, Hellebuyck bowled a 181 and Hanson scored a 178. The Vikings took the second match 26-4 to improve their

record to 2-3 on the season.

One other highlight in the Alpena match was Jordan Helsel picking up a 4-7-10 split.

According to Coach Brock, bowling is a club sport at GHS, so the kids have to incur the cost, but bowling is a fast growing high school sport in

Michigan. Thirty-three kids came out and the club has both a JV and a varsity team.

The Grayling Youth Booster Club helped get this new program started.

The club will be in Cheboygan on Jan. 24 for another Northern Michigan Bowling Conference tournament.

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SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP JANUARY 13, 2009 REGULAR BOARD MEETING UNAPPROVED

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Attending: Luck, Kozlowski,
George, Janisse and Musselman.

Absent: None.
Pledge of Allegiance. Public comment heard.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by George, to accept agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by Musselman, to accept consent agenda, December Regular Meeting Minutes, December Special Meeting Minutes, bills and invoices paid, projected bills for January, and the Treasurer's Report, and approved Fire/EMT Report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by Musselman, to approve the On Line Environmental Training Class and Exam for the Zoning Administrator at a cost of \$349.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by Kozlowski, to approve for payment invoices from our attorney in the amount of \$878.00 and from Sondee, Racine & Doran in the amount of \$3041.40 for the mediation. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by Musselman, to approve the re-appointment of Roy Wehnes to the Board of Review and support training workshop for three members and workbook for one at a cost of \$336.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Motion by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck, to approve for payment the invoice in the amount of \$328.00 from the Worker's Compensation Fund. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Public comment heard. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL SECTION 5311 APPLICATION FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for fiscal year 2010, as required under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, and for federal Section 5311 assistance as required under the Federal Transit Act, as amended.

CCTA is requesting Five Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand, Two Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$556,281) in state operating assistance for general public transit services; Two Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy-Three (\$249,873) in Federal Section 5311 operating assistance; and in excess of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) for replacement buses, equipment and other undertakings eligible for capital project support.

The proposed application is on file at the CCTA administrative offices. Interested parties may schedule an appointment to review the application by telephoning 989-348-8215.

Written comments regarding the application and/or written requests for a public hearing to review the application must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 2009. If a hearing is requested, notice of the scheduled date, time and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

Requests should be mailed to:

Crawford County Transportation Authority
4276 W. North Down River Road
Grayling, Michigan 49738

Grayling brothers face off during college game



Jim Boylan, left, of Ferris State University, plays against brother Mike Boylan, right, of Lake Superior State University, during a game on Jan. 8. Ferris won 86-59. Mike scored five points and Jim scored four points in the contest. The Boylans played together for seven years during their time in the Crawford-AuSable School District. They graduated from GHS in 2007. FSU will play LSSU again on Feb. 21 at Ferris.

9th graders win 54-51 at Elk Rapids

The GHS freshman boys basketball squad won 54-51 at Elk Rapids on Thursday night.

"This was a good win for us, as the game was tight throughout," Coach LJ Mead said. "We led the entire first half, but (Elk Rapids) made a run coming out of halftime to take the lead. From there, we battled back and forth, never put our heads down, and clawed back into the lead. I am proud of our effort. We showed grit and intensity when it mattered most."

"Joe Latusek gave us valuable minutes off the bench, turning in his best

game of the season," Coach Mead said.

Leading scorers for Grayling included: Riley Zigila, 25 points, 8 rebounds, 4 steals; Tom Burrell, 12 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals; Devon Dawson, 7 points, 3 rebounds, 5 steals; Craig Collen, 6 points, 7 rebounds; Joe Latusek, 2 points, 2 rebounds; Josh McBride, 2 points, 4 rebounds.

Grayling (3-1 overall, 3-1 league) will host Kalkaska at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 22, at Grayling Middle School.

day of January 2009

Public Hearing to close out a grant received from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation funding under the Michigan Community Development Block Grant Program Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement Grant Program (CDBG-ICE). The grant allowed the City to complete the Michigan Avenue Infrastructure and Streetscape Project. The project cost \$1,006,124 of which \$415,814 was federal funds and \$590,310 was local funds.

Mayor Akers called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM with a quorum present.

Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

The City Manager gave his report and updated the City Council on several different issues. Highlighted subjects were on the new Chief of Police, the immediate delivery of the two proposals for fire protection services to the Township, the I-75 BL Rebuild Project, current court cases, zoning ordinance rewrite and vacation time.

Approval of support for the I-75 and North Down River Road Interchange Completion.

Approval of the Contract with MDOT for the I-75 BL Rebuild Project.

Review of Reports.

Mayor Akers adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

Agendas can be found on our Web site: www.cityofgrayling.org

NOTICE

KENNETH HAYDEN:

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a petition against you seeking to terminate forever your parental rights to Danielle Michelle Atkins, William Scott Atkins, Michael Damien Atkins, Lauri Louise Atkins, Shawn Michael Atkins, and Austin Atkins. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby ORDERED to file an Answer to the Petition to Termination Parental Rights with the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Knox County, Tennessee, 3323 Division Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919, and to serve a copy of that Answer upon Susan D. Kovac, Attorney for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, 531 Henley Street, Suite 531, Knoxville, TN 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, which will be February 12, 2009, and/or to appear for trial on March 17, 2009 at 9:00 AM, at Knox County Juvenile Court. If you fail to do so, a judgment will be taken against you pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-1-117(n), Rule 55 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P., and Rules 1 and 39 of the Tenn. R. of Juv. P. for the relief demanded in the petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents in the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office

at the address shown above.

ENTER this the 31st day of December, 2008.

Timothy E. Irwin
Judge

PREPARED FOR ENTRY:

Susan D. Kovac, BPR #5189
Regional General Counsel
Department of Children's Services
531 Henley Street, Suite 531
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902
-22-29-5-12

MORTGAGE SALE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JUDITH B. GENDRON and JAMES G. GENDRON, WIFE AND HUSBAND, to MMS MORTGAGE SERVICES, LTD., Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2005, and recorded on April 26, 2005, in Liber 675, on Page 159, and assigned by said mortgagee to MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL CREDIT UNION, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (\$54,500.51), including interest at 6.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 25, 2009

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:
THE NORTH 162.65 FEET OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWN 27 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 15, 2009
MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL CREDIT UNION
Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075
-22-29-5-12

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YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by STEVE KISH and PEGGY KISH, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 18, 2007, and recorded on July 24, 2007, in Liber 687, on Page 817, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars and Sixty-Seven Cents (\$125,986.67), including interest at 6.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 25, 2009

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:
PARCEL "A-1"
BEING A PART OF THE EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 28; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ON THE SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 250.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST, 229.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, 250.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES WEST ON THE SECTION LINE, 229.8 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT 66.0 FEET WIDE LYING EAST OF AND ADJACENT TO A LINE DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ALONG SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 250.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING.

PARCEL "A-2"
BEING A PART OF THE EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 28; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ON THE SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 250.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 1079.7 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES EAST ON THE 1/8 LINE, 329.75 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST ON THE 1/8 LINE, 1079.8 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES WEST, 329.79 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT 66.0 FEET WIDE LYING EAST OF AND ADJACENT TO A LINE DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2

WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ALONG SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 250.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 14, 2009
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns,

Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075
-22-29-5-12

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by SAWMILL TAVERN, INC., of 104 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to DALE M. NIELSON, of Post Office Box 3419, Traverse City, Michigan 49685, dated October 5, 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, in the State of Michigan on October 5, 1999 in Liber 492, Page 116, said Mortgage being subject to an Assignment of Mortgage dated October 30, 2008 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Crawford, in the State of Michigan on November 17, 2008 in Liber 693, Page 873, between DALE M. NIELSON ("Assignor") and SAWMILL REAL ESTATE LLC ("Assignee") on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this Notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Two Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Five and 71/100 (\$293,465.71) Dollars; and no proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with interest at eight (8%) percent per annum, legal costs, attorney fees, and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee, SAWMILL REAL ESTATE LLC, does pay on or prior to the date of said sale. The premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

The West 58 feet, Lot 5, Block 17, Original Plat of the Village (now city) of Grayling, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 02, Crawford County Records, commonly known as 104 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

The redemption period as provided by law is six (6) months from the date of sale,

Sawmill Real Estate LLC,
Mortgagee
By: Gregory J. Donahue (P54232)
Attorney For Mortgagee
412 S. Union Street, PO Box 987
Traverse City, MI 49685-0987
Dated: January 6, 2009
-15-22-29-5

PUBLIC NOTICE Residents of Frederic Township

Frederic Township is seeking candidates to fill the openings on its Board of Review. Interested parties should write a letter of interest to the Township Supervisor's office, located at 7564 Co. Rd. 612 or by mail at P.O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733 no later than 2 pm January 29, 2009.

William T. Johnson
Township Supervisor

NOTICE OF SHOW CAUSE HEARING AND JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE HEARING for NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

On March 1, 2008, real estate with **unpaid 2006 and/or prior years property taxes** was forfeited to the Crawford County Treasurer pursuant to the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, as amended.

The Crawford County Treasurer is acting as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit in proceedings to foreclose on properties for unpaid 2006 and/or prior property taxes.

There are **two hearings** scheduled to finalize the foreclosure process. This publication is intended to provide additional notice to parties of interest in these parcels as to the nature, time, and location of these hearings.

A Show Cause Hearing is scheduled for 9:00 A.M. January 19, 2009 at the Office of the County Treasurer, Crawford County Building, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

Any person with an interest in the property forfeited to the County Treasurer may appear at the Show Cause Hearing and redeem the property or show cause why absolute title to that property should not vest in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

A Judicial Foreclosure Hearing is scheduled for 8:45 A.M. February 2, 2009 at the Crawford County Building, Circuit Court Room, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

At this hearing the Foreclosing Governmental unit shall ask that the court enter a judgment foreclosing property as requested in the petition for foreclosure. A person claiming an interest in a parcel of property set forth in the petition for foreclosure, who desires to contest that petition, **must file written objections** with the clerk of the 46th Circuit Court, and serve those objections on the Crawford County Treasurer as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit. The Docket number for the Petition is 08-7643-CZ.

If you are a person with an interest in property being foreclosed:

- You have the right to redeem this parcel from the foreclosure process by payment of all forfeited unpaid taxes, interest, penalties, and fees prior to the expiration of the redemption period. You should contact the Crawford County Treasurer for the amount required to redeem.
- You may lose your interest in the property as a result of the foreclosure proceeding.
- The title to the property shall vest absolutely in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit unless all forfeited unpaid delinquent taxes, interest, penalties and fees are paid by March 31, 2009.

PLEASE NOTE:

The following list represents parties that appear to have title, lien, or other apparent rights to the parcels being foreclosed by the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

This notice is required to be given by law, even if the party no longer claims or desires an interest if it appears they hold any **undischarged, apparent, or potential** title or lien right to the property listed.

A listing of a party or person does NOT necessarily indicate that they are the owner of a parcel, or that they are liable for the property taxes.

This list is NOT an offering of property for sale. These parcels are NOT being sold, auctioned, or otherwise made available by virtue of this notice.

There is **no procedure** for purchasing these parcels from the Foreclosing Governmental Unit at this point in the foreclosure proceedings. Those parcels that are foreclosed and not redeemed may become available at **public auction** after July of 2009. **These parcels remain the property of the current owner** until redemption rights have expired. **No party or person should make any attempt to inspect or enter upon these parcels** assuming them to be for sale. This may constitute trespassing and subject the offender to criminal prosecution. The street address of the parcels listed is based upon local records and is not guaranteed to be the actual location of the property.

The **amount due** listed indicates the balance which was due as of March 1, 2008. The **current amount** required to redeem **must be obtained from the Crawford County Treasurer**, as additional penalties, fees, and interest have accrued since forfeiture.

NAME	PARCEL ID	TAX	NAME	PARCEL ID	TAX
ALLIANCE FUNDING, A DIVISION OF SUPERIOR BANK FSB	040-40-007-14-120-00	1020.95	LYON FINANCIAL SERVICES	050-009-007-020-10	962.78
ARTHUR D BAKER ESTATE	062-022-007-080-00	1080.87	LYON FINANCIAL SERVICES	050-009-011-040-00	962.78
BANK ONE	010-14-750-00-010-00	1024.80	LYON FINANCIAL SERVICES DBA US BANCORP MANIFEST	050-008-013-020-41	62472.25
BENAWAY & PAGELS P.C.	031-011-006-180-02	1042.60	MI DEPT OF TREASURY	040-45-200-02-005-00	1130.57
BERNADINE A. LIPPINCOTT LIVING TRUST	020-025-012-080-00	1144.03	MICH DEPT OF TREAS. COLLECTIONS	030-019-016-020-00	1513.93
BETSY A MROCZKOWSKI TRUST	040-40-030-09-020-08	307.33	MICH DEPT OF TREASURY--COLLECTIONS	030-031-007-120-00	3377.36
BETSY A MROCZKOWSKI TRUST	040-40-030-09-020-09	1073.44	MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SERVICES	050-009-007-020-10	962.78
CAPITAL ALLIANCE FINANCIAL, LLC	070-200-003-005-00	2070.65	MTGE ELECTRONIC REGIS SYSTEMS	050-009-011-040-00	962.78
CAROLINE E STREBY AS TRUSTEE	052-600-000-073-00	1105.98	NORMA E DAUGHERTY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST	010-13-024-13-020-06	1121.88
CITIZENS BANK	040-41-007-11-035-00	4392.44	NORTH CENTRAL AREA CREDIT UNION	051-002-011-060-00	1331.16
CITIZENS BANK	040-45-480-00-018-00	1535.27	NORTHLAND AREA FED CREDIT UNION	063-011-002-080-00	454.94
CITIZENS BANK	050-006-012-020-05	2049.19	NORTHLAND AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	063-011-002-070-00	1843.84
CITIZENS BANK	070-100-020-001-00	2241.23	NORTHWOOD LAND & INVST CO	020-075-000-092-01	319.86
CITIZENS BANK	070-200-003-005-00	2070.65	PALISADES COLLECTION LLC	050-018-011-030-00	1947.05
CITIZENS BANK 14-42	032-321-000-053-00	1380.24	PALISADES COLLECTION, LLC	010-14-750-00-010-00	1024.80
CITIZENS BANK--COMMERCIAL SALES	070-100-018-001-01	1688.32	PINES MORTGAGE CORPORATION	010-13-024-13-020-06	1121.88
CITIZENS BANK-COMMERCIAL SALES	070-100-018-012-00	1476.57	SKYLINE SKI & COUNTRY CLUB LLC	050-008-013-020-41	62472.25
COMMONPOINT MORTGAGE	031-011-006-240-04	1172.06	SKYLINE SKI & COUNTRY CLUB LLC	050-009-007-020-10	962.78
CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING	040-45-765-20-013-00	2654.77	SKYLINE SKI & COUNTRY CLUB LLC	050-009-011-040-00	962.78
CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING CORP	064-540-009-003-00	1546.30	STATE FARM BANK, F.S.B.	050-032-014-040-08	3530.02
CORNERSTONE 220, LLC	070-100-015-001-02	4156.90	ALLEN, ELMER	063-002-003-140-00	621.61
COX, KENNETH W & ETAL	040-40-022-01-180-00	382.29	ALLEN, PATRICIA E	063-002-003-140-00	621.61
CRAWFORD CO HOUSING COMMISSION	040-45-280-00-018-00	470.58	ANDERS, CHRISTINE M	062-028-014-040-00	827.03
CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION	032-180-000-401-00	744.15	ANDERS, CHRISTINE M	062-028-015-010-00	1778.11
CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION	070-131-004-005-00	1622.56	BALMES, GERALD	050-009-007-020-10	962.78
CUSTOM DEVELOPEMENT GROUP, LLC	052-520-000-327-00	397.88	BALMES, GERALD	050-009-011-040-00	962.78
CUSTOM DEVELOPEMENT GROUP, LLC	052-520-000-329-00	450.85	BALMES, GERALD A	050-008-013-020-41	62472.25
CUSTOM DEVELOPEMENT GROUP, LLC	052-520-000-330-00	376.73	BALMES, VIVIAN	050-009-007-020-10	962.78
CUSTOM DEVELOPEMENT GROUP, LLC	052-520-000-339-00	403.21	BALMES, VIVIAN	050-009-011-040-00	962.78
CUSTOM DEVELOPEMENT GROUP, LLC	052-520-000-464-00	477.36	BALMES, VIVIAN D	050-008-013-020-41	62472.25
CUSTOM DEVELOPEMENT GROUP, LLC	052-520-000-493-00	652.17	BATESON, SUSAN	070-100-016-010-00	3465.98
CUSTOM DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC	064-400-000-609-00	342.81	BAUMGART, JUDITH S	064-400-000-762-00	707.99
DANA WHITLEY DBA WORLD OF FLOORS	050-029-001-035-01	1671.23	BELL, CLAY	052-520-000-359-00	2393.38
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY	070-150-003-004-00	5711.24	BELL, KIMBERLY	052-520-000-359-00	2393.38
DISCOVER BANK	050-018-011-030-00	1947.05	BISHOP, GERALD	063-011-013-040-00	820.49
EMPIRE NATIONAL BANK	070-100-016-010-00	3465.98	BISHOP, MARY E	063-011-013-040-00	820.49
ESTATE OF CONNIE PILLARO	040-44-036-16-080-00	1323.08	BODINE, RAYMOND C	010-12-019-01-640-00	683.57
ESTATE OF NADEAN NIEDERHOUSE	052-600-000-014-00	2752.57	BODINE, THELMA J	010-12-019-01-640-00	683.57
ESTATE OF WILLIAM & VIOLETTA MCCRAE	040-45-480-00-018-00	1535.27	BONO, LORI	031-012-001-031-00	695.34
EVELYN G WHITE ETAL	040-41-025-12-240-00	587.89	BONO, LORI NEWBY	031-012-001-031-00	695.34
F & F WELL DRILLING	050-019-002-035-00	956.52	BRADFORD, JAMES C	063-002-003-140-00	621.61
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION	063-013-006-020-00	1629.96	BRADFORD, MARY K	063-002-003-140-00	621.61
FINANCIAL PACIFIC LEASING	050-009-007-020-10	962.78	BROOKS, CARL F	040-41-025-12-240-00	587.89
FINANCIAL PACIFIC LEASING	050-009-011-040-00	962.78	BROOKS, ELLA G	040-41-025-12-240-00	587.89
FINANCIAL PACIFIC LEASING, LLC	050-008-013-020-41	62472.25	BROUCKAERT, NANCY	040-45-143-00-107-00	495.10
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GAYLORD	032-180-000-160-00	1601.54	CALLAHAN, BRITTANY K	064-620-000-011-00	1020.63
FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN	052-502-000-101-00	625.66	CALLAHAN, GARY T	064-620-000-011-00	1020.63
FRITZ HELMUTH & WF	010-14-750-00-010-00	1024.80	CALLAHAN, JAMES P	064-620-000-011-00	1020.63
GE CAPITAL COL PAF LEASING	050-009-011-040-00	962.78	CALLAHAN, MATTHEW T	064-620-000-011-00	1020.63
GE CAPITAL COLONIAL PACIFIC LEASING	050-008-013-020-41	62472.25	CALLAHAN, SHEILA A	064-620-000-011-00	1020.63
GE CAPITAL COLONIAL PACIFIC LEASING	050-009-007-020-10	962.78	CHAPMAN, REBECCA	050-029-012-020-00	1494.33
GREEN TREE FINANCIAL SERV CORP	040-40-019-16-003-00	2893.12	CHAPMAN, STEVEN	050-029-012-020-00	1494.33
GREENPOINT CREDIT LLC	070-131-004-015-02	2368.08	CLARK, RENEE M	064-480-000-012-00	3402.00
GREENTREE SERVICING LLC	064-540-009-003-00	1546.30	CLARK, SCOTT D	064-480-000-012-00	3402.00
HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III	050-029-001-035-01	1671.23	COLTON, DONNA M	064-440-000-039-00	297.02
HSBC BANK USA, N.A.	052-502-000-101-00	625.66	COLTON, DONNA M	064-440-000-040-00	1196.78
HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK	030-031-007-120-00	3377.36	COLTON, MICHAEL A	064-440-000-039-00	297.02
HUNTINGTON NATL BANK	030-031-007-120-00	3377.36	COLTON, MICHAEL A	064-440-000-040-00	1196.78
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	032-102-000-132-00	362.90	COTTRELL, COLIN	040-45-200-02-005-00	1130.57
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	070-100-009-005-01	1683.82	COX, KENNETH W	040-40-022-01-180-00	382.29
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	070-100-009-006-00	2380.73	COX, THOMAS ANDREW	040-40-022-01-180-00	382.29
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	070-100-009-007-00	2230.05	CROSS, DAVID A	062-007-016-240-00	443.11
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	070-200-003-005-00	2070.65	DEITTRICK, ORVILLE	050-009-007-020-10	962.78
INVESTAID CORPORATION	063-013-006-020-00	1629.96	DEITTRICK, ORVILLE	050-009-011-040-00	962.78
LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	040-40-007-14-120-00	1020.95	DEITTRICK, SHIRLEY	050-009-007-020-10	962.78

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NAME	PARCEL ID	TAX	NAME	PARCEL ID	TAX
DEITTRICK, SHIRLEY	050-009-011-040-00	962.78	PARTELLO, CARL	031-011-006-340-01	1860.70
DELOOF, BETH	040-45-765-20-013-00	2654.77	PARTELLO, WILLIAM P	031-011-006-240-04	1172.06
DELOOF, BETH	040-45-765-20-016-00	362.22	PARTELLO, WILLIAM P	031-011-006-340-01	1860.70
DEMOINES, SUSAN M	032-180-000-401-00	744.15	PAUL, THIEL	050-009-007-020-10	962.78
DEMOINES, THOMAS C	032-180-000-401-00	744.15	PAUL, THIEL	050-009-011-040-00	962.78
DIETRICK, ORVILLE A	050-008-013-020-41	62472.25	PEER, DANIEL	063-013-003-020-00	14932.65
DIETRICK, SHIRLEY A	050-008-013-020-41	62472.25	PEER, DANIEL D	063-011-013-275-00	348.91
DISS, JAMES	062-031-001-040-01	602.48	PEER, DANIEL D	063-013-006-020-00	1629.96
DOUGLAS, GENEVA A	010-13-024-13-020-06	1121.88	PEER, ESTHER C	063-011-013-275-00	348.91
DOUGLAS, THOMAS E	010-13-024-13-020-06	1121.88	PEER, MICHELLE	063-013-006-020-00	1629.96
DREFFS, DONALD	032-400-000-004-00	1095.54	PEER JR, DONALD D	063-011-013-275-00	348.91
DREFFS, KATHLEEN	032-400-000-004-00	1095.54	PEER JR, DONALD D	063-013-003-020-00	14932.65
DUFFY, CHRISTINE	030-033-001-180-00	818.62	PEER SR, DONALD D	063-011-013-275-00	348.91
DUFFY, DONNA C	030-033-001-180-00	818.62	PEER SR, DONALD D	063-013-003-020-00	14932.65
DUFFY, JEFF	030-033-001-180-00	818.62	PETER, TODD A	040-45-281-00-049-00	1012.61
DUFFY, JEFFREY R J	030-033-001-180-00	818.62	PEWOSKI, MARIE	070-100-020-001-00	2241.23
DUGGAN, KATHERINE	040-45-143-00-107-00	495.10	PEWOSKI, MARIETTA	070-100-020-001-00	2241.23
DWYER, DANIEL STEVEN	040-45-280-00-018-00	470.58	PHILLIPS, ERMA	031-034-001-040-02	1084.32
ELLIS, ROBERT	020-022-004-040-00	1516.70	PHILLIPS, ERMA	031-034-001-040-02	1084.32
ELLIS, ROBERT A	020-022-004-040-00	1516.70	PILLARO - SHEETS, TINA MARIE	040-44-036-16-080-00	1323.08
ELLIS, THOMAS B	020-022-004-040-00	1516.70	PIZZI, GAYE M	070-132-001-001-04	1405.80
ELY, BRUCE	052-250-000-004-00	5359.19	PIZZI, TIFFANY N	070-132-001-001-04	1405.80
ELY, BRUCE	052-250-000-006-00	1494.09	PRALL, JAMES M	010-14-800-00-108-00	312.16
FERRIGAN II, JOSEPH S	070-100-018-001-01	1688.32	PRALL, KATHERINE A	010-14-800-00-108-00	312.16
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FISHER, DWIGHT J	010-14-802-00-447-00	317.91	PROFFITT, JERRY	040-44-022-11-040-01	515.40
FLOWERS, CORA	070-100-020-001-00	2241.23	PROFFITT, KATHY	040-44-022-11-040-00	515.40
FORCE, THOMAS	010-14-400-00-165-00	1492.98	PROFFITT, KATHY	040-44-022-11-040-01	515.40
FORD, LEONA	064-500-000-030-00	982.87	RALPH, DEVROY	010-12-028-12-020-00	792.74
FRITZ, HELMUTH	010-14-750-00-010-00	1024.80	RAY, GAIL S	010-13-024-13-020-06	1121.88
FRITZ, INGRID	010-14-750-00-010-00	1024.80	RAY, RONALD E	010-13-024-13-020-06	1121.88
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GARDNER, KATHY	050-009-011-040-00	962.78	RHINEHART, MARK	052-520-000-540-00	954.45
GERARD, REGENA A	030-028-016-240-00	1247.81	RHINEHART, TERRI	052-520-000-540-00	954.45
GERARD, ROBERT E	030-028-016-240-00	1247.81	RIEDNER, CLEMENT G	040-45-921-00-032-00	768.02
GILLIAM, JAMES G	052-775-000-031-00	787.31	RIEDNER, SANDRA K	040-45-921-00-032-00	768.02
GOODREAU, LAURI	050-029-001-035-01	1671.23	ROBINSON, JERRY	050-009-007-020-10	962.78
GOODREAU, THOMAS	050-029-001-035-01	1671.23	ROBINSON, JERRY	050-009-011-040-00	962.78
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GORE, TIMOTHY C	064-400-000-060-00	2666.27	ROBINSON, TERRI	050-009-011-040-00	962.78
GREGORY, DIANA L	062-022-007-080-00	1080.87	ROEDIGER, BRANDI	052-502-000-101-00	625.66
HAAG, CONSTANCE	040-40-019-16-003-00	2893.12	ROEDIGER, KEVIN	052-502-000-101-00	625.66
HAAG, CONTANCE	040-40-019-16-003-00	2893.12	RYAN, BRIDGET	031-012-001-031-00	695.34
HAAG, GORDON	040-40-019-16-003-00	2893.12	RZIEMKOWSKI, MICHAEL A.	032-160-000-180-00	318.82
HABBERT, DAVID	052-520-000-397-00	1136.58	SAFFORD, JAMES D	032-101-000-053-00	362.90
HABBERT, DAWN M	052-520-000-397-00	1136.58	SAFFORD, KRISTINE D	032-101-000-053-00	362.90
HABEL, KENNETH	040-45-143-00-107-00	495.10	SCHMIDT, JOHN	010-14-400-00-165-00	1492.98
HABEL, LEONARD	040-45-143-00-107-00	495.10	SCHMIDT, ROSALIE	010-14-400-00-165-00	1492.98
HARLAND, BRANDON	050-006-012-020-05	2049.19	SCHNEIDER, GREGORY T	040-45-765-20-016-00	362.22
HARLAND, STEPHEN	050-006-012-020-05	2049.19	SCHULTZ, ALBERT W	052-775-000-033-00	1241.76
HARRIS, DEBRA LOU	040-40-007-04-060-00	928.14	SECORD, MARILYN F	063-011-002-070-00	1843.84
HARTWICK, CAROL A	031-011-006-180-02	1042.60	SECORD, MARILYN F	063-011-002-080-00	454.94
HARTWICK, JAMES F	031-011-006-180-02	1042.60	SECORD, WALTER J	063-011-002-070-00	1843.84
HATTIS, GLORIA J	032-180-000-160-00	1601.54	SECORD, WALTER J	063-011-002-080-00	454.94
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HENDRIEN, LINDA	064-400-000-516-00	403.25	SMITH, CHRISTINE	040-40-007-14-120-00	1020.95
HENDRIEN, RICHARD	064-400-000-516-00	403.25	SMITH, DANIEL K.	040-40-007-14-120-00	1020.95
HILBRECHT, CATHERINE	050-009-007-020-10	962.78	SMITH, JESSIE	020-016-011-040-00	666.15
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HILBRECHT, JAMES	050-009-011-040-00	962.78	SMITH, NAMON	020-016-011-040-03	758.13
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HOFFMAN, JENNIFER	052-502-000-101-00	625.66	SOLOMONSON, KENNETH R	064-400-000-666-00	744.35
HOLMAN, ROBERT	031-024-004-006-00	1037.03	SOUTHARD, CECILIA	070-100-018-001-01	1688.32
HOLMAN, VALARIE	031-024-004-006-00	1037.03	SOUTHARD, CECILIA	070-100-018-012-00	1476.57
HULBERT, BRIAN W	031-034-002-065-00	1179.67	SOUTHARD, STEPHEN	070-100-018-001-01	1688.32
HULBERT, EVA B	031-034-002-065-00	1179.67	SOUTHARD, STEPHEN	070-100-018-012-00	1476.57
HULBERT, JAMES M	031-034-002-065-00	1179.67	SOUTHWELL, COLLEEN M	050-019-001-160-00	491.05
HUNT, ANDREW T	032-321-000-053-00	1380.24	SOUTHWELL JR, ROBERT	050-019-001-160-00	491.05
JONES, CYNTHIA	040-41-007-11-035-00	4392.44	STARK, VALERIE R	030-019-016-020-00	1513.93
JONES, JOHN	040-41-007-11-035-00	4392.44	STOCKER, MARY ANN	040-40-010-10-050-00	1141.93
KALTHOFF, EDGAR	050-008-013-020-41	62472.25	STREBY, DAVID	052-600-000-073-00	1105.98
KALTHOFF, EDGAR	050-009-007-020-10	962.78	STREBY, KATHLEEN J	052-600-000-073-00	1105.98
KALTHOFF, EDGAR	050-009-011-040-00	962.78	STRECH, TOM	030-014-002-010-00	1564.00
KALTHOFF, MARGUERITE	050-009-007-020-10	962.78	STUBBLEFIELD, KARLA D	064-540-009-003-00	1546.30
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KOBEL, H A	064-500-000-030-00	982.87	SUTTON, KATRINA	030-029-010-100-00	543.26
KOBEL, HENRY W	064-500-000-030-00	982.87	SUTTON, TIMOTHY	030-029-010-100-00	543.26
KOBEL, HOWARD S	064-500-000-030-00	982.87	SZELAG, DARIUSZ	020-075-000-092-01	319.86
KORHONEN, KRISTINA	040-40-004-07-020-01	414.47	SZELAG, IZABELLA	020-075-000-092-01	319.86
KORHONEN, LARRY	040-40-004-07-020-01	414.47	TAYLOR, DAN	032-102-000-132-00	362.90
KOTSULL, JOSEPH	052-520-000-465-00	439.50	THIEL, PAUL	050-009-007-020-10	962.78
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LAZZARINO, LOUISE	050-018-011-030-00	1947.05	TIPSWOOD, JAMES	050-009-007-020-10	962.78
LAZZARINO, WILLIAM	050-018-011-030-00	1947.05	TIPSWOOD, JAMES	050-009-011-040-00	962.78
LEPSY, RICHARD L	040-45-420-01-021-00	645.42	TIPSWOOD, TERRRY	050-009-007-020-10	962.78
LINDEMANN, PATRICK E	030-031-005-065-01	1330.90	TIPSWOOD, TERRY	050-009-011-040-00	962.78
LIPPINCOTT, BERNADINE A	020-025-012-080-00	1144.03	TOMPKINS, TODD	030-019-016-020-00	1513.93
MATHEWS, JAY	051-002-013-020-06	426.91	TOMPKINS, TODD	030-031-007-120-00	3377.36
MATHEWS, JAY	052-500-000-033-00	286.61	VANPETTEN, PHYLLIS	064-830-000-007-00	321.19
MATHEWS, JAY O	051-002-011-060-00	1331.16	VANPETTEN, PHYLLIS	064-830-000-009-00	321.19
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MATTHEWS, DALE	050-009-011-040-00	962.78	VAUGHN, CONSTANCE K	070-131-004-005-00	1622.56
MATTHEWS, KAY	050-009-007-020-10	962.78	VERNIER, WINFIELD C	020-075-000-238-00	319.86
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MATTHEWS, DALE	050-009-007-020-10	962.78	VIOLET, THERRIEN TRACIE	010-14-400-00-165-00	1492.98
MCCLEAVE, SHANE	040-44-033-12-020-01	850.49	WAKELEY, DALE	070-131-004-015-02	2368.08
MCDANIEL, MARGY G	010-14-803-00-550-00	3042.87	WALSH, JAMES	052-600-000-053-00	1434.00
MCDANIEL, WILLIAM E	010-14-803-00-550-00	3042.87	WALSH, JAMES	052-600-000-054-00	346.13
MCLEOD, TERRIE JO	050-019-002-035-00	956.52	WALSH, JAMES	052-600-000-055-00	346.13
MOSHIER, KARY A	070-100-009-005-01	1683.82	WALSH, JOHN	052-600-000-053-00	1434.00
MOSHIER, KARY L	070-100-009-005-01	1683.82	WALSH, JOHN	052-600-000-054-00	346.13
MOSHIER, KARY L	070-100-009-006-00	2380.73	WALSH, JOHN	052-600-000-055-00	346.13
MOSHIER, KARY L	070-100-009-007-00	2230.05	WALTERS, NICK	040-45-921-00-032-00	768.02
MOSHIER, KARY L	070-200-003-005-00	2070.65	WALTERS, RICHARD	032-321-000-053-00	1380.24
MOSHIER, ROGER A	070-100-009-005-01	1683.82	WEAVER, WENDY	070-150-003-004-00	5711.24
MOSHIER, ROGER A	070-100-009-006-00	2380.73	WERTENBERGER, ERMA	031-034-001-040-02	1084.32
MOSHIER, ROGER A	070-100-009-007-00	2230.05	WHITE, EVELYN G	040-41-025-12-240-00	587.89
MOSS-HILBRECHT, CATHERINE	050-008-013-020-41	62472.25	WHITLEY, DANA W	070-150-003-004-00	5711.24
NAGY, MICHAEL	032-180-000-180-00	653.13	WHITLEY, TAMMY M	070-150-003-004-00	5711.24
NEWBY, GERTRUDE J	031-012-001-031-00	695.34	WILL, DENNIS	050-032-014-040-08	3530.02
NEWBY, W E	031-012-001-031-00	695.34	WILL JR, DENNIS	050-032-014-040-08	3530.02
NIEDERHOUSE, CONRAD	052-600-000-014-00	2752.57	WILLIAMS, HAROLD T	010-12-019-01-640-00	683.57
O'CONNOR, KURT	040-40-030-09-020-08	307.33	WILLIAMS, ROSE	010-12-019-01-640-00	683.57
O'CONNOR, KURT	040-40-030-09-020-09	1073.44	WILSON, JOANN E	040-40-004-16-020-04	3154.73
O'CONNOR, SHELLY	040-40-030-09-020-08	307.33	WILSON, PERRY D	040-40-004-16-020-04	3154.73
O'CONNOR, SHELLY	040-40-030-09-020-09	1073.44	YOUHANNA, EDWARD	061-035-001-020-18	1646.63
PARKER, CLAUD	030-001-003-030-00	681.66	YOUHANNA, LINDA	061-035-001-020-18	1646.63
PARTELLO, CARL	031-011-006-240-04	1172.06			

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010-12-019-01-640-00		040-41-025-12-240-00	TIMBER TRL	052-775-000-031-00	9570 SPEARS DR
010-12-028-12-020-00		040-44-022-11-040-00	DONATA DR	052-775-000-033-00	9623 SWITZER BLVD
010-13-024-13-020-06	5792 OLD COUNTY RD 612	040-44-022-11-040-01	DONATA AVE	061-035-001-020-18	11801 COUNTY ROAD 502
010-14-400-00-165-00	3033 Highbanks DR	040-44-033-12-020-01	3710 NORTH DOWN RIVER RD	062-007-016-240-00	7944 S STEPHAN BRIDGE RD
010-14-750-00-010-00	2786 BLUEBIRD LN	040-44-036-16-080-00	162 W NORTH DOWN RIVER RD	062-022-007-080-00	
010-14-800-00-108-00		040-45-143-00-107-00	RIVER PARK DR	062-028-014-040-00	E PIONEER RD
010-14-802-00-447-00		040-45-200-02-005-00	210 SCOTT ST	062-028-015-010-00	2535 E PIONEER RD
010-14-803-00-550-00	3081 KIRTLAND DR	040-45-280-00-018-00	4223 W PINECREST RD	062-031-001-040-01	
020-016-011-040-00		040-45-281-00-049-00	130 ALEXIA LN	063-002-003-140-00	432 S MCMASTERS BRIDGE RD
020-016-011-040-03	9184 N PETERSEN RD	040-45-420-01-021-00	6421 OLD LAKE RD	063-011-002-070-00	1230 S MCMASTERS BRIDGE RD
020-022-004-040-00		040-45-480-00-018-00	2118 S WAKELEY BRIDGE RD	063-011-002-080-00	
020-025-012-080-00		040-45-765-20-013-00	9901 MY OWN AVE	063-011-013-040-00	10920 LINGER LONGER RD
020-075-000-092-01		040-45-765-20-016-00	BATTALION BLVD	063-011-013-275-00	
020-075-000-238-00		040-45-921-00-032-00	734 AIRPORT RD	063-013-003-020-00	2142 EATON TRL
030-001-003-030-00		050-006-012-020-05	5608 W FIVE MILE RD	063-013-006-020-00	2142 EATON TRL
030-014-002-010-00		050-008-013-020-41	4020 SKYLINE RD	064-400-000-060-00	11404 BEAVER CREEK TRL
030-019-016-020-00		050-009-007-020-10	4020 SKYLINE RD	064-400-000-516-00	10193 E PINEDALE
030-028-016-240-00		050-009-011-040-00	4020 SKYLINE RD	064-400-000-609-00	
030-029-010-100-00		050-018-011-030-00	8727 S OAK RD	064-400-000-666-00	3 E PIONEER RD
030-031-005-065-01		050-019-001-160-00	9093 SOUTHWELL RD	064-400-000-762-00	10763 DUPREY DR
030-031-007-120-00		050-019-002-035-00	5276 TRACY'S TR	064-400-000-762-00	105 EUGENE DR
030-033-001-180-00		050-029-001-035-01	10482 S MERRIO RD	064-440-000-039-00	105 EUGENE DR
031-011-006-180-02		050-029-012-020-00	10812 JOSEPHINE TR	064-440-000-040-00	1132 MOFFATT TRAIL
031-011-006-240-04	7637 TWIN PEAKS RD.	050-032-014-040-08	9270 FEDERAL HWY	064-480-000-012-00	11805 W ROBERTA DR
031-011-006-340-01	10484 TATAR TRAIL	051-002-011-060-00	7990 W FIVE MILE RD	064-500-000-030-00	2442 CONTOUR DR
031-012-001-031-00	10846 N OLD 27	051-002-013-020-06	6700 S KING RD	064-540-009-003-00	1740 MCCREDIE RD
031-024-004-006-00		052-250-000-004-00	11859 CROSSING DEER COURT	064-620-000-011-00	
031-034-001-040-02	6955 KOLKA CREEK RD	052-250-000-006-00	CROSSING DEER COURT	064-830-000-007-00	
031-034-002-065-00	8383 HULBERT RD	052-500-000-033-00	BARIC DR	064-830-000-009-00	
032-101-000-053-00		052-502-000-101-00	11568 BARIC DR	064-830-000-010-00	11146 MANNING TRL
032-102-000-132-00		052-520-000-327-00	W FOREST WAY	070-100-009-005-01	
032-160-000-180-00		052-520-000-329-00	W FOREST WAY	070-100-009-006-00	513 N JAMES ST
032-180-000-160-00	6456 CENTER ST.	052-520-000-330-00	W FOREST WAY	070-100-009-007-00	515 N JAMES ST
032-180-000-180-00	6405 FREDERIC ST	052-520-000-339-00	W FOREST WAY	070-100-015-001-02	235 E MICHIGAN AVE
032-180-000-401-00		052-520-000-359-00	307 BOWSTRING CT	070-100-016-010-00	306 N JAMES ST
032-321-000-053-00		052-520-000-397-00	410 WIGWAM RD	070-100-018-001-01	205 INGHAM ST
032-400-000-004-00		052-520-000-464-00	W FOREST WAY	070-100-018-012-00	
040-40-004-07-020-01	S SPITE AVE	052-520-000-465-00	POCAHONTAS TR	070-100-020-001-00	307 IONIA ST
040-40-004-16-020-04	2791 MCKAY RD	052-520-000-493-00	W FOREST WAY	070-131-004-005-00	208 LAWNDALE ST
040-40-007-04-060-00	1330 KAPETS RD	052-520-000-540-00	10859 W FOREST WAY	070-131-004-015-02	314 FULTON ST
040-40-007-14-120-00	585 RUSSELL RD	052-600-000-014-00	203 W LOVE'S DR	070-132-001-001-04	401 MIKADO ST
040-40-010-10-050-00	1579 S HORSESHOE TRL	052-600-000-053-00	103 E LOVE'S DR	070-150-003-004-00	207 S JAMES ST
040-40-019-16-003-00	937 RUSTIC LN	052-600-000-054-00	103 E LOVE'S DR	070-200-003-005-00	608 CLYDE ST
040-40-022-01-180-00	3899 BOURRIE TRL	052-600-000-055-00	103 E LOVE'S DR		
040-40-030-09-020-08	EMBER TRL	052-600-000-073-00	104 E LOVE'S DR		
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Legal Action

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gaylord Sims and Kathleen Sims, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 12, 2005 and recorded February 22, 2005 in Liber 673, Page 854, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Seven and 22/100 Dollars (\$68,207.22) including interest at 3.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: Commencing at the East one-quarter corner of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; thence North 0 degrees 49 minutes West (along the East Section line) 657.90 feet; thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds West, 1499.82 feet; thence North 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds West 33 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds West 16.5 feet; thence North 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds West 624.84 feet; thence North 88 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East 16.5 feet; thence South 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds East 624.84 feet to the point of beginning, being part of the North one-half of the Southwest one-

quarter of the Northeast one-quarter Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West. Being the same more or less but subject to all legal highways. Parcel 2: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter, Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; thence West 12 rods to the point of beginning; thence South 38 rods; thence West 8 rods; thence North 38 rods; thence East 8 rods to the point of beginning. Being the same more or less but subject to all legal highways. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: January 22, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 285.3757 ASAP# 2972752 01/22/2009, 01/29/2009, 02/05/2009, 02/12/2009 -22-29-5-12

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Todd Banach and Carolyn Banach, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 23, 2004 and recorded March 9, 2004 in Liber 666, Page 757, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by HSBC Bank USA N.A. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of

One Hundred Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Two and 99/100 Dollars (\$110,902.99) including interest at 5.625% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 47, Ber-Mar Woods. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: January 22, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 450.0012 ASAP# 2972112 01/22/2009, 01/29/2009, 02/05/2009, 02/12/2009 -22-29-5-12

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Michael J Henson, Unmarried and Frela J Hardacre, Unmarried to Fifth Third Bank (Northern Michigan), Mortgagee, dated May 15, 2002 and recorded June 17, 2002 in Liber 584 Page 543 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: The Bank of New York Mellon, as Indenture Trustee for the

registered holders of ABFS Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-2, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$94,865.20) including interest 10.4% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on February 11, 2009 Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: And Known as being a part of Section 7, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as, commencing at the north one-quarter corner of said section 7, thence south 1 degrees 11 minutes 30 seconds, East along the north-south one-quarter line, 1308.8 feet for a point of beginning, thence north 89 degrees 47 minutes 00 seconds east, 653.6 feet, thence south 1 degree 25 minutes 00 seconds east, 654.1 feet, thence north 89 degrees 40 minutes 15 seconds west, 668.2 feet, thence north 1 degree 11 minutes 30 seconds west, 655.4 feet, thence north 8 degrees 47 minutes 00 seconds east, 12.0 feet to the point of beginning, be the same more or less, but subject to all legal highways. Commonly known as 5412 Ken Pen Road, Frederick MI 49733 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: DECEMBER 29, 2008 The Bank of New York Mellon, as Indenture Trustee for the registered holders of ABFS Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-2 Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811

South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 08-03323 ASAP# 2959088 01/08/2009, 01/15/2009, 01/22/2009, 01/29/2009 -8-15-22-29

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded or set aside by the foreclosing mortgagee. In such event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to a return or refund of the bid amount tendered at such sale, together with interest at the rate set forth herein.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Eric Fisher, a single man, Mortgagor, of 10587 Indian Woods Trail, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, to Chemical Bank, successor by merger to Chemical Bank West, a Michigan banking corporation, of 333 E. Main Street, Midland, Michigan 48640, Mortgagee, dated February 21, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on March 1, 2001, in Liber 529, at page 476, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due for principal, interest and late fees, as of the date of this notice, the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand and One Hundred Fifty-Five and Seventy-Nine Hundredths Dollars (\$66,155.79).

No suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become

operative;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on **Wednesday, February 25, 2009**, at 10:00 a.m., said mortgage will be foreclosed in the lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse, in Grayling, State of Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held, by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, of the premises in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon at Five and Two Hundred Forty Thousandths percent (5.25%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney's fees allowed by law, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the Mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interests in the premises.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, are commonly known as 10587 Indian Woods Trail, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, and are more particularly described as follows:

Lot 617, Indian Glens of the AuSable No. 6, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 1-4, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale; provided, however, that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following such sale.

Date: January 21, 2009

William R. Garchow (P61833)
CURRIE KENDALL PLC
6024 Eastman Avenue
Midland, Michigan 48640
(989)839-0300
Attorneys for Chemical Bank
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A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



January 23, 1986 - New members were inducted into the GHS National Honor Society. Pictured (from left to right): (sitting) Kris Lademan, Michelle Moore, George Duncan, Crystal Herdon, Julie Brooks; (standing) Jennifer Ojala, Cathy Kraus, Stacey Gizinski, Jamie Walker, Dave Somerville, Colette Petrosky, Michelle Brooks, Jeff Olson, Erin Hickey, Keith Whaley, Kim McDonough, Todd Klinger, Tammy Welch, Wayne Casler and Katie Tinker.

23 Years Ago January 23, 1986

A January thaw gave Crawford County residents a nice break from a winter that started out mean. December and January brought near record snowfall. Coupled with the heavy snowfall were cold nights and some frigid windy days. From Dec. 12 to Jan. 8 this winter, the temperature never got above freezing.

The GHS volleyball team took over first place in the Michigan Huron Shores conference with an easy 15-3, 15-1, 15-9 win over Cheboygan. Grayling was never threatened as Wendy Pittman and Chris Schwartz led the serving. Sue Casler and Jamie Kaiser led defense. Piper Ostrowski, Shelly Denton and Stacey

Hinds led the net play and Julie Brooks and Kathy Partin were solid in court play.

In two ski meets last week, the Viking ski program won 11 races and lost 17. In Traverse City, the girls finished in fourth place and the boys finished in sixth place in a tough meet against state powers. The top girl skier was Julie Huss, with a fourth place finish in giant slalom and a 22nd place finish in slalom. The boys' top skier was Jason Welsner, placing 17th in slalom.

At a special meeting, the Beaver Creek Township Board voted 5-0 to give Georgia-Pacific a 12 year, 50 percent tax abatement on their proposed \$8 million resin plant. The board acted on the tax abatement request

after a public hearing attended by only six Beaver Creek residents.

46 Years Ago January 24, 1966

Grayling boy, Jack Mason, Jr., took a third place medal in the CUSSA Region III Junior Alpine slalom race held in a blinding snowstorm at Crystal Mountain. His record time of 43.4 seconds was one second behind the winner in Class III, and represents the first time a Grayling skier has won a medal in CUSSA sponsored races.

On January 17, the Grayling ski team was host to the Petoskey and Gaylord ski teams at the Grayling Winter Sports Park. The Petoskey boys team took first place, with Grayling taking second and Gaylord taking third.

The Grayling Women's Club met Monday at the clubhouse, with president Mrs. C.R. Holcomb presiding. Mrs. John Latuszek introduced the program that featured Mrs. Joseph Stripe with a group of her Spanish students. There was a series of small dialogues in Spanish given by Fenn Welch, Nancy Brown, Janice Lavrack, Doug Wilson, Dave Jansen, Gail Hunter, Linda Springs and Kathy Marshall.

The Frederic P.T.A. met and refreshments were served by Mrs. Gene Kaiser, Mrs. Bernie Hinkle and Mrs. Bill Tobin. A tap dance to the music of "East Side, West Side," performed

by Cindy Harwood, Marcie Kaiser, Maxie Tobin and Patty Hulbert, was much enjoyed.

69 Years Ago January 25, 1940

Since Dec. 30, it has snowed for 27 consecutive days, it has snowed sometime during every day.

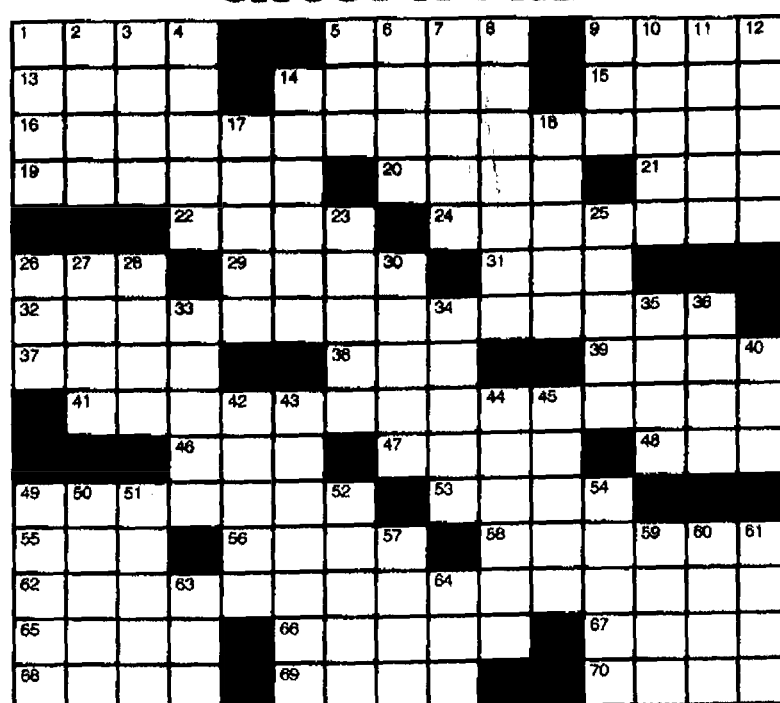
Last Friday night, something seemed to happen to the Frederic boys. They won both basketball games against Alanson by a score of 37-17. The boys all played a good game. Captain Kellogg was really making the baskets. It seems that center Jim Cram can't play ball until someone makes him mad, and then, watch out.

92 Years Ago January 25, 1917

The E.I. DuPont de Nemours Company, which operates wood alcohol and acetone plants in Grayling and Bay City, has approved plans for increasing the capacity of both plants to practically double their present capacity. When the changes are made in Grayling, this plant will be the largest wood chemical plant in the United States, if not the world.

Workmen, driving for water at Rev. Fr. Herr's new cottage on the AuSable River near Wakeley's last week, struck a flowing well with an elevation of 23 feet. This will give sufficient pressure for a complete system of water throughout their house and lawn.

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Across

1. Something that bulges out
5. Flightless flock
9. Stallion, once
13. Fencing sword
14. About to explode
15. "O" in old radio lingo
16. Nausea early in the day
19. Goes stealthily
20. Aspersions
21. Undertake, with "out"
22. Gobs
24. People who elope
26. Appropriate
29. Alliance acronym
31. Alicia of "Falcon Crest"
32. Reference at one place in a work to information at another place in the same work
37. Forum wear
38. Conditions
39. Ashtabula's lake
41. People who foretell the future
46. Dusk, to Donne
47. Bank
48. All ____
49. Kneecap
53. Medical advice, often
55. Victorian, for one
56. Foot
58. Capable of life
62. Chief executive of an organization
65. Fishing, perhaps
66. Fresh from the shower
67. Boys
68. "____ we forget"
69. Chops
70. Eye affliction

Down

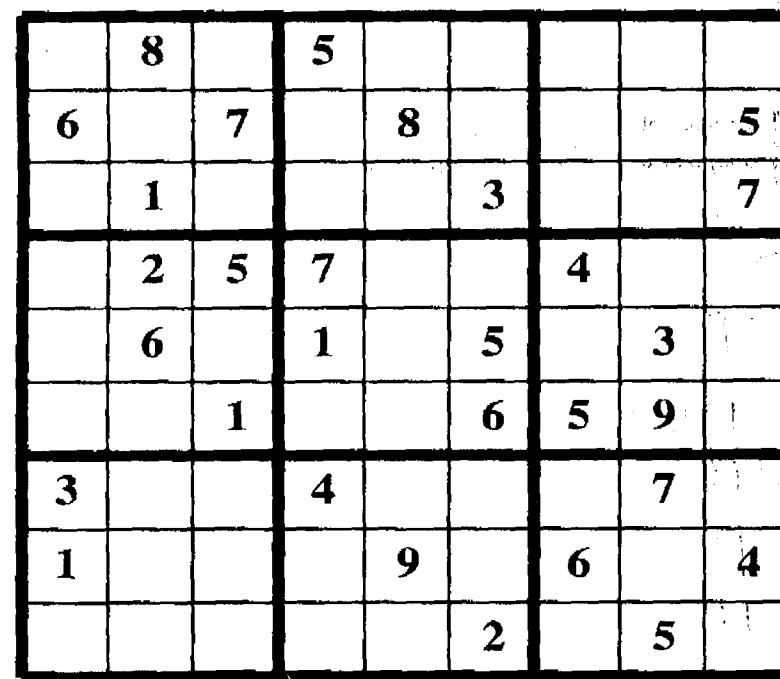
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2. Abreast of

3. ____ mortals

4. Kind of code
5. 0000001 joule
6. Come together
7. Handy
8. Worldly
9. Voting "nay"
10. Corpulent
11. Doofus
12. Exams
14. Insect between moults
17. Conventional religious paintings in oil on small wooden panels
18. Basic unit of money in Denmark
23. Draft holder
25. Control ____
26. Appear
27. Highest-ranking position in a university
28. Like some orders
30. Bid
33. Eastern wrap
34. Banana oil, e.g.
35. Hands
36. Cork's country
40. "C" ____ la viel"
42. Denoting final end or purpose
43. Open
44. Big roll
45. Agent that causes lysis
49. Organ part
50. Come to mind
51. Shipping weights
52. Any detergent plant
54. Asian weight units
57. Cold one
59. No angel
60. Disney dog
61. "... or ____"
63. "Dig in!"
64. Neon, e.g.

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RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.



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For the week of January 22, 2009



Capricorn
December 22 - January 19
Sticks. Capricorn. The answer you've been seeking has been right in front of you all along. No need to get your feathers ruffled. Fix the problem and start on the next one.



Aries
March 21 - April 19
Affairs of the heart wreak havoc at home. Step in and play mediator. Arise, or prepare for the situation to get blown away out of proportion. A transportation matter resolves itself.



Cancer
June 22 - July 22
Get real, Cancer. You don't have the resources to take on such a task. Be honest with yourself and let someone else have the glory. A question at home catches you off guard.



Libra
September 23 - October 22
Believe it or not, but a friend really has changed. Libra. They are on the right path, and this time, they won't stray from it. Cheer them on!



Aquarius
January 20 - February 18
Party time, Aquarius. A family issue is resolved, and you benefit in multiple ways. A walk down memory lane uncovers a mystery. Get ready to do a little snooping.



Taurus
April 20 - May 20
Keep a close eye on that special someone, Taurus. They are up to something. A home improvement project is calling your name. Time to get out the toolbox.



Leo
July 23 - August 22
Stay on top of things at work, Leo. Your supervisor may be taking stock of you. A momentous occasion calls for a momentous celebration.



Scorpio
October 23 - November 21
Relaxation time, Scorpio. You have given everything you got, and before you can go any further, you need to rejuvenate. Go ahead and take up that friend's travel offer.



Pisces
February 19 - March 20
Ready or not, here they come, Pisces. Roll out the red carpet for your guests and treat them like royalty. They will return the favor sooner than you think.



Gemini
May 21 - June 21
Push on, Gemini. The end to a project is closer than you think. A friend comes calling. Be frank with them. Cuddling is not what they need right now.



Virgo
August 23 - September 22
Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Remember that, Virgo, on your next shopping adventure. You may just find a valuable treasure. A slip of the tongue gets you into trouble at work.



Sagittarius
November 22 - December 21
Geez, Sagittarius. You really have done enough for a young family member. Step back and give them some space to sort out things on their own.

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CHICKEN-BROCCOLI STIR-FRY

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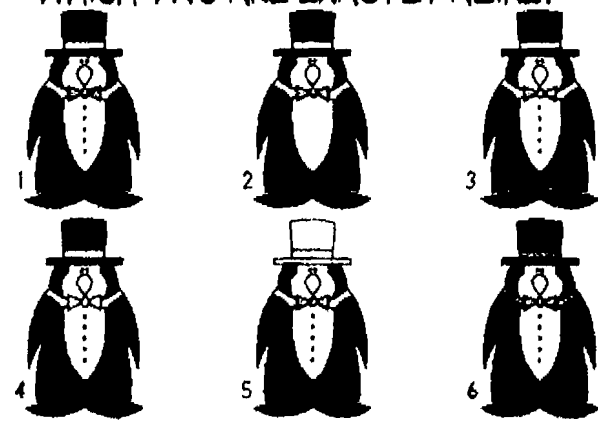
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| 1/2 cup soy sauce | 1 1/2 tbsp. vegetable oil |
| 1 tbsp. minced garlic | 12 oz. broccoli florets |
| 1 tbsp. minced ginger | 1 lg. onion, chopped |
| 1 1/2 tsp. cornstarch | |
| 2 1/2 lbs. chicken tenders | |

Directions: Mix first 4 ingredients with 1/4 cup water in bowl, add chicken and marinate for 10 minutes or longer. Drain chicken, reserving marinade. Heat oil in skillet, then add chicken. Stir-fry until brown. Remove from skillet and set aside. Add broccoli and onion to hot skillet. Stir-fry 1 minute. Add 1/4 cup water, cover and steam for 3 minutes or until broccoli is tender-crisp. While broccoli is steaming, boil the marinade for at least one minute and set aside. Return chicken to skillet and add marinade. Heat through, stirring constantly.

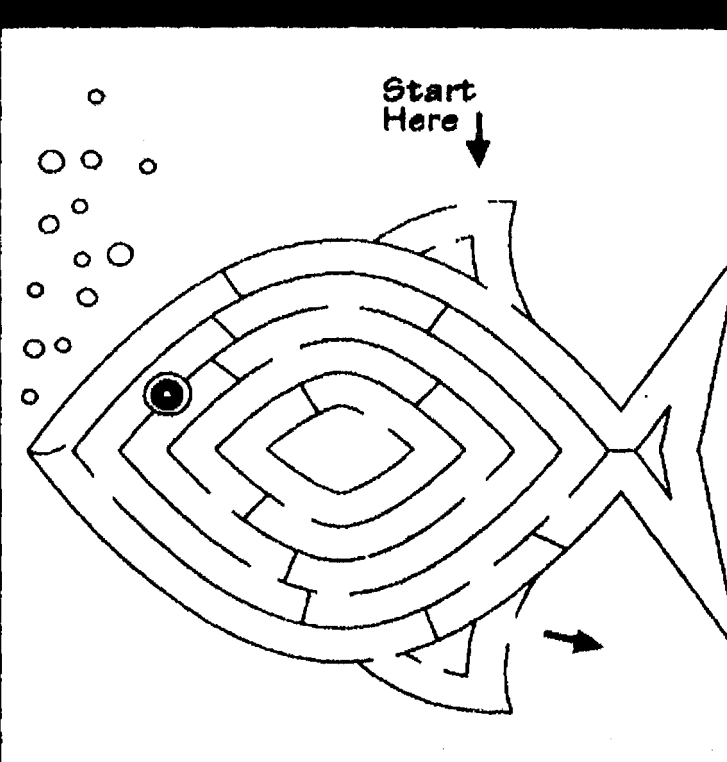
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2. For Rent

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2. For Rent

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2. For Rent

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3. Employment

KITCHEN ASSISTANT The Crawford County Commission on Aging is accepting applications for a Kitchen Assistant who provides coverage for full time cooks. Flexible schedule required. Application packets can be picked up at 308 Lawndale, Grayling. (-15-22/3)

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6. Wanted

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7. Miscellaneous

ANGELFOOD Web address, www.gfmcan-gelfood.com. (-22/7)

8. Announcements

MIP and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07/8)

8. Announcements

CRAWFORD COUNTY has been awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program. Crawford County has been chosen to receive \$14,794 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county. The selection was made by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities, U.S.A., National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and the United Way of America. The local board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of the food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country. A Local Board made up of community agencies and businesses will determine how the funds awarded to Crawford County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program. Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualified agencies are urged to apply. Crawford County has previously distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds to Riverhouse shelter and the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center who agreed to provide needed meals and lodging to area residents. Public and private voluntary agencies meeting the criteria who are interested in applying for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Susan McNally at 230 Huron Street, Grayling, MI 49738, 989-344-5129 for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is January 30, 2009. (-15-22/8)

8. Announcements

TO THOSE IN GRAYLING that knew my mom Betty Burse, she passed away 1-14-09 at Mercy Manor. Services are being held downstate in Jackson at Burden Funeral Home, 1806 East Michigan Avenue, Jackson, MI 49202. (-22/8)

HALL FOR RENT American Legion Post 106, Grayling, with kitchen. Newly remodeled, smoke free. Contact manager 348-7232. (-8-22-5-19-5-19-2-16-30-14-28-11-25/8)

ANGELFOOD Web address, www.gfmcan-gelfood.com. (-22/8)

WANTED The Grayling Hall of Honor veteran's committee is looking to find a person/business that has the capability to add names to the plaques honoring all Grayling School system veterans. If interested, these plaques can be viewed at the Grayling High School and then contact Jim Tobin at 989-348-5361 or just call Jim for more information. Thank you. (01/22/09/8)

THANKS A LATTE Coffee House, Friday, February 6, between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., featuring Radel Rosin with Penny Podjasko followed by open mike. Suggested donation \$3 per person, \$8 per family. Thanks A Latte, 212 Michigan Avenue, 348-4006. (-22-29-5/8)

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10. Garage Sales

INSIDE MOVING SALE 401 Alexia Lane. Wednesday - Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. (-22/10)

9. Personals

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8. Announcements

11. Automotive

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11. Automotive


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